

John 9:1-12 The Jesus People Met The Blind

What would it be like for someone who was born blind in Jesus' day?

Read John 9:1-12

1. According to the question the disciples ask in verse 2, how do they view the relationship between sickness and sin?
2. What does Jesus say about the situation of the blind man?
3. How does Jesus heal the man? What's the reaction of those who knew him? (verses 6-12)
4. In what way does Jesus' encounter with this blind man take us beyond this one man and his personal needs and towards the universal needs of all people? See John 3:3-8, 1 Corinthians 2:12-14

Read John 9:13-34

5. Why did the Pharisees object to this miracle? See V16, 22, 24, 29
6. How do the Pharisees react when the reality of the miracle becomes undeniable (V 28-34)? What does this show?
7. Why do the blind man's parents respond to the Pharisees in the way they do (v18-23)? How does that same attitude prevent people from trusting in Christ today?

Read John 9:35-41

8. Why is the Blind man's response in verse 38 the only response to Jesus once you can "see"?
9. What does Jesus teach about himself in verses 3-5 and how does the blind man's response confirm Jesus' spiritual claim? Also see John 6:29
10. In what way does the final exchange between Jesus and some Pharisees highlight the responsibility that goes with the privilege of having the light of God's truth (39-41)?

Think

11. What might it look like to be blind in this world? Why is this attractive to some?
12. There are many who would prefer to live in "darkness" as opposed to coming to the light of the world, Jesus. As Christians, How does living in the light of Jesus need to continue to impact our lives? Also see Ephesians 5: 8-17
13. What are the implications of this passage for you as you seek to walk in the light of Jesus?

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