



Connect Group study

John 9 is an amazing story of Jesus healing a man who was born blind. This study analyses the story and discusses several themes including the power of our testimony.

Read John 9

Reflect

- Q1. a. What seems to have been the common belief in Jesus' time about people who were born with conditions such as blindness? (v 1, 34)
- b. What does Jesus have to say about this belief and what does He mean? (v3)
- Q2. a. Jesus healed several blind people in the gospels, but never used a 'one size fits all' approach to miracles – He approached each situation differently. What lessons can we learn from this, especially for our own ministries?
- b. What was the blind man's part in this miracle? How important do you think obeying a word from Jesus is in experiencing breakthroughs in our lives? Explain your answer and share personal examples if you can.
- Q3. a. Compare and contrast the blind man's parents' response to the Jewish leaders (v18-23) with the man's own response (v30-33). What are the differences?
- b. Whose response is most like the way you normally talk about Jesus with those around you?

Respond

- Q4. Perhaps the most pivotal verse in this passage is verse 25. Why is this verse significant and what do you take from it?
- Q5. a. Essentially what the blind man is saying in this verse is "I don't know the answers to all of your questions, but I do know this man has changed my life." What lessons can we learn from this about the power of our personal testimony?
- b. Discuss how effectively you feel you are using your own personal stories of how Jesus has changed your life. How could you do this more effectively?

Suggested memory verse(s):

He replied, 'Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!' (John 9:25 NIV)