

DISCUSSION GUIDE

DISCUSSION GOAL



Discuss the ways you and others have responded to Jesus' revelation and what it looks like to have your eyes opened by Jesus.

ICE BREAKER



Share a time when you completely missed or disregarded a sign (like a road sign, warning, etc.) and it ended in calamity.

TEXT



Have a member of your group read the passage aloud.

John 9:1-41

¹ As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ² And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³ Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶ Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud ⁷ and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

(turn to John 9 in an ESV bible to continue reading verses 8-41)

MESSAGE OUTLINE



This is what our pastoral team observed about the passage.

Big Idea: Jesus opens eyes.

Key Question: How do you respond to the revelation of Jesus?

1. Are you curious? (vv. 8-12)
2. Are you skeptical? (vv. 13-17)
3. Are you afraid of others? (vv. 18-23)
4. Are you dismissive? (vv. 24-34)
5. Are you blind? (vv. 35-41)

DISCUSSION



- In John 9:1-3, Jesus reframes the disciples' understanding of suffering. How does this passage challenge or comfort your view of hardship?
- The neighbors in John 9:8-12 are curious but don't pursue Jesus further. Why do you think curiosity often stops short of faith?
- How do the Pharisees' skepticism (vv. 13-17) reveal the danger of preconceived ideas about Jesus? Are there any areas where your assumptions about Jesus might need re-evaluation?
- Fear kept the blind man's parents from affirming Jesus (vv. 18-23). Are there areas in your life where fear of others has affected your willingness to follow or proclaim Jesus?
- The healed man in this week's passage professes his belief in Jesus as the Messiah (vv. 35-41). Jesus opened both his physical and spiritual eyes. In what ways can we be spiritually blind? Share a time when Jesus opened your eyes in a way that led to grow spiritually.
- After considering the different responses to Jesus in this passage (curiosity, skepticism, fear, dismissal, belief), which one resonates most with your current season of life?

LIFE APPLICATION



Jesus opens eyes. All of us are blind in different areas of our lives. How can we make our community a place where we can lovingly help each other see our blind spots and take them to the Lord? How can we increase vulnerability?

Jot your ideas below and send a picture to your group to remind everyone of your action steps this week.

PRAYER REQUESTS


