

THAT YOU MAY KNOW

Once Blind
John 9:1-41
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“Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” -John 9:25

I. NIGHT IS COMING

- The disciples inquire as to culpability for congenital disabilities (Vs. 2)
- Jesus does not dismiss their question, but he does offer a third possibility to their dilemma.
- The “light” is in the world for only a short time longer. Night is coming, but while Jesus is present, he will keep on working (John 5:17; 10:25).

II. THE INTERROGATION

- Many questions surround Jesus’ 6th sign recorded by John in his Gospel. Is this the same man who used to beg? Was he actually born blind? Where did Jesus go off to? Was the miracle performed on the Sabbath? How does a sinner perform such miracles? (John 9:8-23).
- The once blind man is summoned a second time to meet with the Pharisees. How did Jesus perform this miracle? What does the man himself have to say about Jesus and his identity? The Pharisees are taken to school by a peasant beggar (John 9:24-34).

III. JESUS AS SAVIOR AND JUDGE

- Jesus presents himself as Savior to the once blind man. When the man is told in whom to place his trust, he does so willingly, and steps into the light (Vss. 35-38; John 6:28-29, 40)
- Jesus presents himself as judge to the Pharisees, and to all those who claim that they can see light while simultaneously rejecting the light of the world (Vss. 39-41; Matt. 23:13-15; Rom. 1:21-22).

KNOW: Jesus’ miracles are not just supernatural events, they are signs pointing to him as the sent one. He opens the eyes of the blind and closes the eyes of those who say they can see.

DO: Let Jesus open your blind eyes.

Suggested Reading:

Basic Christianity by John R.W. Stott (LifePoint Library #230 STO)

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please Read John 9:1-41

1. What is the main event in this chapter? What side events does it lead to?
2. What is Jesus’ response to the initial question asked by his disciples? Does Jesus deny that sin ever leads to negative consequences in our lives?
3. How do we justify a man’s lifetime of blindness—all for a moment of God’s glory displayed in his healing?
4. Why are the Pharisees so upset?
5. Talk about the once blind man’s response to the Pharisees in vss. 26-33? What is his theology?
6. What does Jesus mean when he says “for judgment I came into this world?”
7. What are some of your “takeaways” from this narrative?