

Questions for Further Study

John 9: 1-41

Monday, March 23

Section 1: Read John 9:1-12

1. In verse 2, the disciples ask “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Why do you think they assumed his blindness was caused by sin? Do we ever assume sin is the cause of another’s misfortune? Why or why not? Does it affect how we treat others?
2. What does Jesus mean when he says, “night is coming”?
3. Why do you think Jesus used mud to heal the man’s eyes?

Tuesday, March 24

Section 2: Read John 9:13-23

1. Why do the Pharisees investigate this healing?
2. In verse 16, we read that some Pharisees believed Jesus was not of God because he didn’t keep the Sabbath. What test do we use to determine if something is of God?
3. N.T. Wright says, “The synagogue was the focus of the whole community. If you were put out of the synagogue, you’d probably be better off leaving the area altogether. The man’s parents are afraid, because they know the threat against anyone saying Jesus is the Messiah.” How does this explain how the man’s parents respond to the questions of the Pharisees?
4. How would you respond in this situation, knowing your social standing, livelihood, and perhaps life was on the line?
5. What, if any, consequences do we face by telling others about our belief in Jesus?

Wednesday March 25 (watch for Wednesday Worship Email)

Thursday, March 26

Section 3: Read John 9:24-34

1. What reasoning does the man use to determine that Jesus is from God?
2. Why do the investigators throw the man out of the synagogue?

Friday, March 27

Section 4: Read John 9:35-41

1. Jesus asks the man, point blank, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” How does the man respond?
2. Describe the progression of this man’s faith in this chapter.
3. Why do you think the man ended up believing in Jesus, but the Pharisees did not?
4. Compare Verse 41 with Verse 2. What assumptions about belief and guilt and seeing does Jesus challenge?