

The Gospel of John Week 9

John 9:1-5

Struggles in life are not always a _____ for sin.

John 9:3 (NLT) “It was not because of his sins or his parents’ sins,” Jesus answered. “This happened so the power of God could be seen in him.

Romans 8:28 (NLT) And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

John 9:6-14

Everyone can find _____ by following Jesus’ commands.

John 9:11 (NLT) He told them, “The man they call Jesus made mud and spread it over my eyes and told me, ‘Go to the pool of Siloam and wash yourself.’ So I went and washed, and now I can see!”

John 15:34

No one can argue with a _____.

John 9:25 (NLT) “I don’t know whether he is a sinner,” the man replied. “But I know this: I was blind, and now I can see!”

John 9:35-41

Two distinct and opposite reactions to Jesus:

Reaction #1: complete _____ and worship

John 9:38 (NLT) “Yes, Lord, I believe!” the man said. And he worshiped Jesus.

Reaction #2: _____ and self-preservation

John 9:39-40 (NLT) Then Jesus told him, “I entered this world to render judgment—to give sight to the blind and to show those who think they see that they are blind.” Some Pharisees who were standing nearby heard him and asked, “Are you saying we’re blind?”

John 9:41 (NLT) “If you were blind, you wouldn’t be guilty,” Jesus replied. “But you remain guilty because you claim you can see.

Final Thought: Are you still blind? If so, you can accept _____ by following Jesus’ commands. If you have _____, use it for worship and to help the blind.

John 9 Discussion Questions:

The blind man responded to Jesus with obedience, but could have responded differently; with entitlement or no faith that he could really be healed. How do you see either of these two responses to Jesus today? Explain.

Describe a time or situation when you responded to God with complete obedience. Was it easy to do or not? How did it turn out?

Read John 9:18-23. The text says the parents' motivation was fear. Do you think it was their only motivation for their actions? What do you think would have happened if they had engaged in this situation instead of avoid it completely? Have you ever avoided a situation that you later felt like you should have gotten in the middle of? What was your motivation for not stepping in?

Compare John 8:31-32 and John 9:39-41. Is Jesus teaching the same principle in both passages? Why or why not? Describe in your own words how we should live out these passages in our day to day life as a Jesus follower.

“No one can argue with a changed life.” Do you believe your #myjourney story can help other people? Are you ready to record your #myjourney story?