

Glory

John 9:1-41

Key Verse: 9:24

1. Read verses 1-5. Where does this event take place? What sparked this conversation between Jesus and his disciples? How did Jesus' disciples view the man's blindness? What is the view of life underlying the disciples' question? (Were they defending the ways of God?)
2. How did Jesus look at the man's blind condition? What can we learn from Jesus about how to view misfortune, tragedy, poor human circumstances, etc? How is Jesus' view different from that of most people?
3. What did Jesus say about his own person and work? What does it mean that he is the light of the world? What was Jesus' underlying purpose in healing this man? Read verses 6-7. What did Jesus do to heal the man? Why do you think he did it this way? In what way was this a test of the man's faith? What did he tell the man to do?
4. What did the man do? How did he reveal his trust and confidence in Jesus' love? What was the result? When the man came back seeing, what did the neighbors think about him? What did the man say about himself? What did he not know?
5. What can we learn about practical faith from the blind man? Why is it important to take hold of opportunities as they come? How does Jesus demonstrate that he is the light of the world? What can we learn from Jesus about how to overcome fatalism? About how to handle tragedy and/or difficult human circumstances?
6. Read verses 13-15. How did the Pharisees get involved in this event? (13) What problem arose because this man had been healed? (14) What did the Pharisees ask the man who had been blind? What was his answer? Read verses 16-17. Why were they divided in their opinion about Jesus? What was the second question they asked him? How was it different from the first? What was the man's answer? What did this mean? Why were the Pharisees not happy about this man's recovery? What does this tell us about them?
7. Read verses 18-23. What three questions did they ask the parents? How did the parents answer each question? What excuse did they give for not answering the third question? How and why did they parents shift responsibility to their son? Read verses 24-25. What did the Pharisees want the man to say about Jesus? Why? (See Joshua 7:19) What was his testimony? What might it cost him to make this testimony? What can we learn from him?
8. Read verses 26-27. What was their persistent question? How did the man born blind challenge the Pharisees? Why do you think he was so courageous? What was his attitude toward life? Read verses 28-34. When they kept on asking the same question, how did he answer? What did he teach them? How did they react? Why?
9. Read verses 35-38. How did Jesus help this man receive spiritual sight? What did the man learn about Jesus? Why did he worship Jesus? What can we learn from this man about how to receive spiritual sight? Read verses 39-41. What did Jesus say about the meaning of his coming into the world? In what way were the Pharisees blind? What did Jesus teach them?