



PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank You for the example of this blind man and His developing faith. I pray that I may have eyes to see the truth and not be influenced by the worldly mindset that seeks to discredit You and the Lord Jesus, Whom You have sent. Thank You that by faith I have become a citizen of heaven .. Give me boldness to proclaim the truth of the glorious gospel and keep me and all whom I love under the shadow of Your wing through time and into eternity - this I pray in Jesus name, Amen.

- Knowing Jesus

WARM UP (OPTIONAL)

What is something you only found out recently that it seems everyone knew for a long time as public knowledge?

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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.

[JOHN 9:1-7](#)

Jesus sees and speaks about this man as an opportunity for the glory of God to be displayed. He isn't so concerned about his sin or his parents' sin being the cause, as most Jewish people would at that time, rather he invites that man into a moment to participate in the work and glory of God. His sin nor his condition did not disqualify him from the chance to receive healing and believe in Jesus.

When we see need, there is an opportunity to see God's glory revealed.

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GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. On a scale from 1 to 10 (1 being never and 10 being always), how would you rate your capacity to sense God in your everyday life? Why would you rate yourself this way?
2. Jesus sees the man, he sees his suffering, and he sees an opportunity for the work of God to be revealed. When we see people, or ourselves, what do we see?
3. (Vs 4) When Jesus mentions "We must work the works of him", what is the WORK he is talking about? Is it just healing? Or more than that?
4. From what we see here, are physical conditions ever because of sin? Or are physical conditions always to display God's work? Did God cause this man's blindness just to show his work?

If you are not yet a follower of Jesus, would you choose today to trust him? Will you enable him to have all authority as the one who calls the shots in your life? Would you like to enter into a saving relationship with God through Jesus? Ask your Life Group leader to lead you in prayer to receive Christ. You can pray this prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite you to be the master of my life. I want to trust and follow you as my Lord and Saviour. I declare that I am yours, and you are mine. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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