

NIV MEMORY VERSE: John 9:3**GOSPEL AND LETTERS OF JOHN 9-1**

"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "But this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life."

"THE WORK OF GOD DISPLAYED"
READ John 9:1-41

1. What was significant to you from the lesson last week?

DAY 1 – READ John 9:1-7

2. Describe the following:
 - a. the man Jesus saw
 - b. the disciples' concern
 - c. your own inward attitude when encountering the physically handicapped
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 - a. Why had this happened?
 - b. (IN-DEPTH) What do you know about Job that affirms this statement?
4.
 - a. How did Jesus choose to heal the man and why do you think He did it that way?
 - b. How do you think obedience strengthens faith?

DAY 2 – READ John 9:8-12

5. How did the neighbors react to the man?
6.
 - a. What did the healed man know?
 - b. What did he not know?
7. This whole story is more than regaining physical sight, spiritual eyes need to "see the light" too. Share something you see about life now that you had not seen before Jesus touched you.
8. What image does the washing promote in your mind?

GOSPEL AND LETTERS OF JOHN 9-2

DAY 3 – READ John 9:13-17

9. As the Pharisees investigated the healing,
 - a. what angered them?
 - b. what divided them?
 - c. what opinion did the healed man offer?
10. Skepticism about physical healing was then, and is now, a prevalent attitude of many. Why was/is it so hard to believe?

DAY 4 – READ John 9:18-34

11. When questioned by the Pharisees, how did the parents . . .
 - a. . . . tell the truth?
 - b. . . . compromise?
 - c. . . . face persecution?
12. Commanded to tell the truth ("Give glory to God"), what did the formerly blind man reply in verse 25?
13. a. How did the Pharisees justify themselves?

b. How did the man justify the action of Jesus?
14. Remember 1 Peter 3:15. In witnessing you have been asked, "Does God hear the prayers of unbelievers?" What is your answer?
15. Verse 34 tells us more about the learned men than the young man. What does this verse reveal to you?

DAY 5 – READ John 9:35-41

16. What initiative did Jesus take when He learned what had happened?
17. What more did Jesus do for the man beyond restoring his sight?
18. a. According to Jesus, what is the relationship between seeing and sinning as He answered the Pharisees?

b. Explain that more fully in your own words.
19. The blind man's faith was reinforced in several ways in this story. How do you think our faith is reinforced by . . .
 - a. . . . obedience?
 - b. . . . naming the name of Jesus as the source of blessing?
 - c. . . . defending Jesus before others?
 - d. . . . personal acknowledgment of Jesus as Lord?

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS: