

John 9:1-41

Tuesday Bible Study: Week 14



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1. The disciples ask, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” (9:2). Jesus rejects the premise entirely (9:3). Why do you think we are so drawn to finding someone to blame when suffering occurs? What are other ways we try to explain away suffering?
2. Jesus makes mud, anoints the man’s eyes, and sends him to wash in the Pool of Siloam (9:6–7). What do you notice about the way Jesus heals here? How is this similar to, or different from, other healing stories from the Gospels?
3. After he is healed, the man born blind is questioned repeatedly by his neighbors (9:8–12), by the Pharisees (9:13–17), and then by the Pharisees again (9:24–34). How does his description of Jesus change? How has your understanding of who Jesus is changed over time?
4. The Pharisees are deeply divided over this healing because it happened on the Sabbath (9:16). Where have you seen people, including yourself, resist the work of God because it did not fit the expected framework?
5. The man’s parents are brought in for questioning but refuse to speak on his behalf “because they were afraid” of being put out of the synagogue (9:22–23). What is at stake for them? Has fear of social consequences kept you from speaking the truth about what God has done in your life?

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6. The man responds to the Pharisees questions saying: “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see” (9:25). What makes his testimony so powerful? What is the “one thing you know” about what God has done in your life?

7. Jesus closes the chapter with a paradox: “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind” (9:39). What is the danger of spiritual certainty? How do we balance confidence in what we believe with humility in the face of what God might be doing to challenge us to “see” differently?