

INTRODUCING JESUS

Guide to Sharing Jesus Through the Gospel of John

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Chapter 9: Continuing Conflict...

Light for Blind Eyes (1-12)

1. 1-5 What is the attitude of Jesus' disciples toward the blind man? (2) _____
What is Jesus' attitude toward the blind man? (3) _____
How does v 4 emphasize the urgency of serving God while we can? _____
2. 6-7 Why do you think Jesus used clay in the healing of the blind man? (6) _____
Why does Jesus want him to go and wash in a particular pool? (7) _____
What level of faith does the blind man exhibit in v 7? _____
Over what does Jesus demonstrate power in this miracle? _____
3. 8-12 How does the man react to the neighbour's doubts? (9) _____
At this point, who does the ex-blind man believe that Jesus is? (11) _____
4. **Think:** What is the spiritual application of Jesus healing this incurable, physically blind individual? _____
5. **Personal:** Do you want your eyes to be opened spiritually? _____

The Reaction of the Pharisees (13-34)

1. 13-17 Why does Jesus keep working miracles on the Sabbath even though it upsets the Pharisees? (14,16) _____
Why are the Pharisees divided in their opinion about Jesus? (16) _____
By v 17, what has caused the ex-blind man's faith to grow? _____
2. 18-23 What is the attitude of the man's parents toward the healing of their son? (20-23) _____

3. 24-34 How would you summarize the man's arguments to the Pharisees in v 25, 30, 31, and 33? _____
What attitude does the man display in v 27? _____
Since the Pharisees cannot answer the man's arguments, to what do they resort in v 28 and 34? _____
How has the man's faith grown in v 31 and 33? _____
What might the Pharisees have learned from this man? _____
4. **Think:** What is causing the progression of belief and disbelief in this section? _____

5. **Personal:** What have *you* learned from the ex-blind man? _____

True Blindness (35-41)

1. 35-38 Why does Jesus seek out the formerly blind man? (35) _____

Who does the man acknowledge Jesus to be in v 38? _____

2. 39-41 For what kind of judgement did Jesus come into the world? (39) _____

What kind of blindness did the Pharisees have? _____

3. **Think:** Which is worse, physical or spiritual blindness? _____
Why? _____

4. **Personal:** How can *you* maintain spiritual sight? _____
