

"Do You Believe in the Son of Man?"

JOHN 9 · LESSON 11

In **John 9:35**, we'll hear Jesus ask one of the most important questions anyone can be asked: "Do you _____ in the Son of Man?" John has written what we have in his Gospel—including the events in **John 9**—so that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God (**20:30-31**). How can **John 9** help us believe in him so that we can have life in his name?

As the chapter begins, Jesus is in Jerusalem, having just left the temple.

As he passed by, he saw a man _____ from _____. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who _____, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the _____ of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the _____ of the world." 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 and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. (**9:1-7**)



As the healed man is brought to the Pharisees, notice who the "blind" people really are:

- "This man is _____ from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath" (**9:16**)
- "What do _____ say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" (**9:17**)
- "Is this your son, who you _____ was born blind? How then does he now see?" (**9:19**)
- "Give glory to _____. We know that this man is a sinner." (**9:24**)
- "What did he do to you? _____ did he open your eyes?" (**9:26**)
- "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not _____ where he comes from" (**9:28-29**)
- "You were born in utter _____, and would you teach us?" (**9:34**)

They were told how Jesus had healed this man: "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see" (**9:15**). They were asked a great question: "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" (**9:16**). They heard for a second time the straightforward truth from the once blind man: "One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see" (**9:25**). The evidence was crystal clear: "Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing" (**9:32-33**). And yet, the Pharisees were the truly "blind" ones (**9:39-41**).

"Do you believe in the Son of Man?" Let's talk about it...

For Class & Family Discussion:

- Why do you think the disciples asked the question they did in 9:2? Do you see any problem with the way they were thinking?
- In your own words, what is Jesus saying with his answer in 9:3-5?
- In what ways were the Pharisees the truly “blind” ones throughout John 9? Is there anything we can learn from their bad attitudes?
- Are people sometimes “blind” in the same way today? If so, in what ways?
- What do we need to do to make sure we don’t make the same mistakes that the Pharisees made in John 9?
- Throughout this study, we’ve been talking about the power of the “signs” that Jesus provided. How do 9:16 and 9:32-33 show us again the power of those “signs”?
- Did you notice the progression of the healed man, how he talked about Jesus throughout the chapter? Notice the words he uses to describe Jesus in 9:11, 9:17, 9:33, and 9:35-38. How did he move from “The man called Jesus” to “Lord, I believe”?
- What do you think Jesus meant in 9:39?
- How does what we have seen throughout John 9 help us believe all the more that what Jesus claimed in 8:58 is actually true?