

John 9:1-10:21 - Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. In John 9:18-23 what happened next and why (v18-19)? How did his parents answer (v20-21)? Why (v22-23)? How does this strike you?

5. Using John 9:24-34 describe the Jews' position (v24, 26, 28-29, 34) and the healed man's position (v25, 27, 30-33) regarding Jesus, the "miracle", and the man..

6. Read John 9:35-41. What did Jesus do next and why (v35, 37)? Trace the man's development of faith (v12, 17, 33, 36, 38). How did this story reveal Jesus' mission (v39, 40, 41)?

7. From John 10:1-8 what are the elements of this parable (v1, 2, 3, 4-5) and who or what does each stand for (v7, 8)? What was His point and how was it received (v6)?

8. In John 10:8-10 What is the goal of the thieves and robbers (v10) and how do the sheep respond (v8)? What is Jesus offering (v9, 10) and what does this mean? Apply.

9. Looking at John 10:11-15 who is the Good Shepherd (v11) and what is He like (v11, 14, 15)? What are "hirelings" like (v12, 13) and to whom does this refer?

10. Using John 10:16-21 who is Jesus talking about (v16)? What will Jesus do for them (v16) and all of His sheep (v17)? Why (v18)? How does this affect the Father (v17)? What was the result of Jesus' words (v19-21)?

11. Look back over John 9:1-10:21. How was the blind man healed physically and spiritually and how does this depict salvation? What does the Good Shepherd do for those who are saved?

Scripture to Remember

"We must work the works of Him who sent Me, as long as it is day; night is coming, when no man can work."

John 9:4 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—Words With Friends—Patience (James 5:7-11)

(Using questions from Sunday's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Share with your group some examples of things or people that tend to make you impatient.
2. Read James 5:7-11. What are some processes that we have to wait on? How do you deal with that? How do you remember God is in control instead of worrying about it?
3. Why is it important to prepare expectantly when you have to wait on the solution? Share some personal experiences of that.
4. When people are the problem which helps you most – to recognize that God rewards patience, to remember that patience produces maturity, or to refusing to complain or judge?
5. Talk about how you overcome the tendency to complain about or judge others.
6. Discuss how to remember that God is working while an unexplainable problem is occurring. How can we make trusting His character a habit?
7. Share about anything else meaningful from the message if you have time.



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Jesus' one solitary life changed the course of mankind for eternity.

The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God's pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God's family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

In his 1970 hit, "Everything Is Beautiful" Ray Stevens sang, "There is none so blind as he who will not see". This describes those who have the physical apparatus to see, but refuse because of fear that they might have to change if they admit what they see. This week's study illustrates this principle well. In the first section Jesus provides sight for a man born blind. The question arose regarding whose sin had caused this defect, and Jesus said that sin was not the culprit. Rather, that particular disability had occurred so that God might receive glory when sight was restored. He thus did the work of God and healed him, and this caused controversy with the Jews because He did it on the Sabbath. They asked the man who healed him and where he was, but couldn't

answer either question. Later, he told them that the man was a prophet, although some thought this impossible since he had broken the Law by healing on the Sabbath. The leaders then asked his parents about his blindness and the healing. They said he had been born that way, but refused to say anything about Jesus for fear of reprisal by the Jews. They told them to ask their son. The next section revealed the salvation for this blind man as he told them that he didn't know how He had done it, but he did know that he had been blind, but now he could see. When they tried to coerce him into discrediting Jesus, he mocked them by asking if they wanted to be His disciples, and said only God could heal blindness. They berated him for teaching them although a sinner and put him out of the

synagogue. Jesus found him and revealed His identity as God, and the man worshiped Him. Finally, Jesus' role as Shepherd for the blind is revealed. He leads, protects, and provides for His sheep. He gives them abundant life as the Good Shepherd and the Door to the sheepfold, while the thieves try to kill, steal, and destroy them. He also lays down His life for the sheep of all generations, and this pleases His Father, especially since He does it of His own accord. All of these words created controversy among those who were blind because they would not see.

Study Questions for John 9:1-10:21

(For answers go to <http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study questions>)

<p>1. Read John 9:1-5. Who did Jesus encounter (v1) and what misunderstanding did this cause (v2)? How did Jesus correct it (v3), and how did this incident relate to His identity (v4-5)?</p>	
<p>2. Using John 9:6-12 how did Jesus heal the man (v6) and what was the man's part (7)? What confusion occurred (v8, 9) and why (v10)? What did the man say (v11-12) and what does this indicate?</p>	
<p>3. From John 9:13-17 when did the healing occur (v14) and why did this matter (v13, 15-16)? What were the opinions about Jesus (v16) and how had the healed man's opinion changed (v12, 17)?</p>	

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