

DISCOVERING LIFE TOGETHER SERIES: THE GOSPEL OF JOHN
I AM THE SON OF MAN – JOHN 9:1–41

NOTES:

Questions for Community Groups and Individual Bible Study

For Starters: In light of Thanksgiving, what are you grateful for? What can get in the way of living with an attitude of gratitude?

The Basics: Read John 9:1–41. Jesus did something amazing. How did different people respond to the miracle? What caused the Pharisees to miss the miracle and therefore miss Jesus? How can you miss God working in your life? What else stands out to you in Chapter 9?

Quick Fire Round — John 9:1–41

- Is there a connection between Jesus being the light of the world (John 8:12) and healing a blind man? Why did Jesus give sight to the man?
- How did the Pharisees connect sickness, disease, and personal disabilities to individual and generational sin, and what was Jesus' response (9:1–3)? Is sin always the cause of suffering in the world? Consider the difference between God's divine judgment and personal consequences for one's actions. Discuss.
- Why did Jesus heal the blind man the way He did (9:6–7, Genesis 2:7)? Do miracles happen today? How would you respond to someone who said either God no longer performs miracles or God does miracles "on demand"? What is the ultimate purpose of miracles, and are they dependent on one's amount of faith?
- What lengths did the Pharisees go to in order to deny Jesus' identity and power? Why was it harder for them, in fact, *not to believe* than simply believe? What causes people to willfully choose unbelief? What do we miss out on by choosing unbelief?
- How did the healed man respond to Jesus (9:25, 35–38)? What was the greater miracle: physical sight, or belief and subsequent worship in Jesus as Lord? Who are the truly blind people then and now?

The challenge: The blind man believed and worshiped Jesus; the Pharisees chose to ignore and deny. How do you respond to the many blessings Jesus gives you? How can you be thankful for God's spiritual and physical, daily and eternal blessings? Read and pray through the following Bible verses this week: Psalm 7:17, Psalm 9:1, Philippians 4:6, Psalm 118:1, Revelation 11:17, 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18, James 1:1–4.

Memorize Psalm 9:1 I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

Prayer: *God, you are good. I am grateful that you love me, care for me, and shower me with many blessings. Help me live with an attitude of gratitude. Forgive me when I choose otherwise. Amen.*