

JESUS HEALS A MAN BORN BLIND

John 9:1-12

Key Verse: 9:3

1. Read verses 1-5. Where does this event take place? What sparked this conversation between Jesus and his disciples? How did Jesus' disciples view the man's blindness? What is the view of life underlying the disciples' question? (Were they defending the ways of God?)
2. How did Jesus look at the man's blind condition? What can we learn from Jesus about how to view misfortune, tragedy, poor human circumstances, etc? How is Jesus' view different from that of most people?
3. What did Jesus say about his own person and work? What does it mean that he is the light of the world? What was Jesus' underlying purpose in healing this man?
4. Read verses 6-7. What did Jesus do to heal the man? Why do you think he did it this way? In what way was this a test of the man's faith? What did he tell the man to do?
5. What did the man do? How did he reveal his trust and confidence in Jesus' love? What was the result? When the man came back seeing, what did the neighbors think about him? What did the man say about himself? What did he not know?
6. What can we learn about practical faith from the blind man? Why is it important to take hold of opportunities as they come? How does Jesus demonstrate that he is the light of the world?
7. What can we learn from Jesus about how to overcome fatalism? About how to handle tragedy and/or difficult human circumstances?