

Chapter 9 of the gospel of John takes place during growing conflict between Jesus and the Pharisees in Jerusalem. Jesus heals a man born blind, demonstrating both His divine authority and His identity as the “light of the world” (John 8:12; 9:5). The miracle sparks investigation and controversy because it occurs on the Sabbath. While the formerly blind man gradually comes to faith in Jesus, the religious leaders become increasingly hardened and spiritually blind. The chapter contrasts physical sight with spiritual sight, showing that true understanding comes through humble faith in Christ, while pride and unbelief prevent people from recognising God’s truth.

Have you ever lied and been caught out because the person knew? Why do you think people lie?

Read: John 9:13-41

1. Why do the Pharisees object to Jesus healing the man on the Sabbath? (vv.13–16)? See also Mark 2:23-28.
2. What does this reveal about their priorities? In verse 16, the Pharisees are divided about Jesus.
3. Why do you think people can see the same evidence yet come to different conclusions?
4. How does the healed man’s understanding of Jesus grow throughout the passage? Trace the different things he says about Jesus. John 9:11, 17, 27, 33, 38.
5. In verses 24–25, the healed man says: “One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!” Why is personal testimony powerful?
6. What can we learn from the courage of the healed man when facing hostile questioning?
7. In verse 30, the healed man is surprised that the educated religious leaders cannot recognise Jesus. What does this teach us about discernment and openness to God?
8. Jesus later finds the healed man and reveals Himself more fully (vv.35–38). What does this show about Jesus’ care for those who trust Him?
9. The healed man moves from physical sight to spiritual sight. What does he see? How does this help us to avoid being spiritually blind? Read 2 Corinthians 4:4-12.
10. Jesus says in verses 39–41 that some who think they can see are actually blind. What are the important ‘ingredients’ for spiritual discernment?
11. Which Bible verses can you pray that will help you grow in discernment and see more clearly the unseen realities of life?

Prayer Points

Pray for the volunteers in the life of the church. Pray for those who are visible and those who quietly serve others. Give thanks for all that is given and pray that more people may be led to serve.

Pray for many mission workers to be sent to Mongolia to work with local churches in reaching university students for Christ. Many young people are coming to Christ through hearing the gospel when learning English from missionaries.

Sermon Notes



BIBLE STUDY

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Do you See?

John 9:13-41

In the Gospel of John, Jesus progressively reveals His divine identity while confronting deep unbelief. He is presented as the light who exposes spiritual darkness, showing that true blindness is not physical but a refusal to recognise truth. As the Good Shepherd, He embodies sacrificial love, intimate care, and secure belonging for His people. This part of the gospel also emphasises faith as trust in His person rather than mere signs. These passages highlight themes of revelation, belief versus rejection, abundant life, and the growing tension between divine truth and human resistance.

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