



## JOHN CHAPTER 9 (FACILITATOR)

### **Discussion Starter**

- What does it mean to get caught up in the details and not see the bigger picture? Is it positive or negative to get caught up in the details and not see the bigger picture?
- **Opening Prayer**
  - Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer.

### **Tell the Story**

- **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE ONE PERSON WHO STORIES (SUMMARIZES THE CHAPTER) BEFORE THE GROUP READS THE CHAPTER TOGETHER.**

### **Read the Story (John 9:1-41)**

Read out loud as a group, 3-5 verses per person. Let everyone know they can opt out if they would like.

### **Breaking it Down**

- All questions should be utilized as appropriate based upon group dynamics to facilitate both understanding and discussion. Don't feel tied to the questions and don't feel like you must get through every question. Follow the Spirit's lead! All questions are a matter of perspective in some way BUT there are specific questions that this is truer of, and these questions have been indicated to be perspective/opinion questions.

### **John 9:1-12**

- Notice that Jesus does not get caught up in the theological questions that are being brought to Him but rather He seeks to help and heal the man. Why is this important for us to understand as disciples of Jesus?
  - As disciples, it is easy for us to talk about doing the right things rather than actually seeking to do them. It's sometimes easy to see people that need help and spiritual healing, but it requires

intentionality and movement on our part to seek to be in the trenches with people as Jesus was with this man.

- It is important to note that the original meaning of Jesus' response in verse 3 was not Jesus saying that God caused the man's blindness to happen so that He could be glorified but rather that God would be glorified in the man's blindness. What are the differences between these two things and why is this important to understand?
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### **John 9:13-34**

- Of all days that Jesus could have chosen to do this miracle, He chose to do it on the Sabbath. Why?
  - Jesus was intentionally challenging the traditions that people relied on to justify themselves. He desired for them to understand that self-justification has never been what God desires.
    - In what ways do you rely on things outside of Jesus to justify yourself in God's eyes?
      - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.
- Notice the man's simple but profound testimony in verses 24-25. What does this man's testimony teach us about our own testimonies?
  - Our own testimonies are about what God has done and is doing for us and not about us being the center of the testimony. Our testimonies don't have anything to do with our education, knowledge, status, power, and/or titles.

### **John 9:35-41**

- How are you personally like the Pharisees in this story? In what ways do you need to daily your own spiritual blindness so that you can find true sight in Jesus?
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**Final Application**

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

**Closing & Prayer Requests**

- Have a designated person to capture and share (as appropriate) within the life group.
- What happens in life group, stays in life group.
- Don't forget get to confirm the next meeting date and time
- Also recruit someone to do the story for the following week (John Chapter 10)



## JOHN CHAPTER 9 (STUDENT)

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