

Small Group Discussion Guide

****"I Was Blind, But Now I See"*****

John 9 | That Seems Random Series

Opening Prayer & Icebreaker

****Icebreaker Question:****

Share about a time when you had to take a step of faith without seeing the full picture. What happened?

Scripture Reading

Read John 9:1-41 together (or key sections: verses 1-7, 24-25, 35-38)

Discussion Questions

**1. Oversimplified Theology**

The disciples immediately asked, "Who sinned—this man or his parents?" (v. 2)

- When have you been tempted to oversimplify someone's suffering by assuming it's punishment?
- How does Jesus' response challenge our tendency to blame people for their problems?
- What's the difference between consequences of our choices and God's punishment?

**2. The Method Matters Less Than the Miracle**

Jesus used spit and mud—a pretty unconventional method—to heal the blind man.

- Why do you think Jesus chose such an unusual, even uncomfortable method?
- When have you almost missed what God was doing because you didn't like **how** He was doing it?
- What "methods" of God's work make you uncomfortable? (Different worship styles, unexpected people He uses, unconventional paths to healing, etc.)

**3. Obedience Before Sight**

Jesus told the blind man to "go wash" before he could see (v. 7).

- What does it mean that "you have to obey before you see"?
- Where in your life right now is God asking you to take a step without seeing the full outcome?
- How does this story encourage you to trust God's process even when it doesn't make

sense?

4. Your Transformation Will Cause Confusion

The man's neighbors couldn't agree if this was even the same person (v. 8-9).

- Have you experienced people not recognizing "the new you" after an encounter with Jesus?
- Why is it sometimes hard for others to accept our transformation?
- How do we stay grounded in our new identity when others question it?

5. The Cost of Following Jesus

The man's parents were afraid to speak up because they might be "put out of the synagogue" (v. 22).

- What has following Jesus cost you? (Relationships, approval, comfort, status?)
- Where are you currently afraid to fully identify with Jesus because of potential consequences?
- How does the man's bold testimony ("I was blind but now I see") inspire you?

6. Progressive Spiritual Sight

Notice the man's growing understanding: "the man called Jesus" (v. 11) → "a prophet" (v. 17) → "from God" (v. 33) → "Lord, I believe" (v. 38)

- How has your understanding of who Jesus is grown over time?
- Where are you in your spiritual journey right now—just beginning to see, or worshipping clearly?
- What helps you see Jesus more clearly?

7. The Danger of Thinking We See

Jesus warns the Pharisees: "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains" (v. 41).

- What does it mean to be spiritually blind while thinking we can see?
- Where might we be like the Pharisees—more committed to our systems than to God's transformational work?
- How do we stay humble and open to what God wants to show us?

Personal Application

****Reflect and share:****

1. ****What is one area of "spiritual blindness" you're asking Jesus to heal?***
2. ****What is one step of obedience God is asking you to take—even though you can't**

see the full outcome yet?*

3. **Who in your life needs to hear your testimony: "I was blind, but now I see"?

Closing Prayer (5 minutes)

Pray together:

- For eyes to see Jesus more clearly
- For courage to obey before we see the full picture
- For boldness to share our testimonies despite potential cost
- For anyone in the group who needs Jesus to open their spiritual eyes

"One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!" — John 9:25