



# THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

MEN'S TRAINING CAMP / 2021-22

*Was lost, now found, was blind but now I see...John 9*

*“And Jesus said, ‘For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind.’” John 9:39 (NKJV)*

## Words of Wisdom

- *“He used the man’s physical blindness to teach a spiritual truth. Jesus had come into the world to give spiritual sight to those who desperately acknowledge their spiritual blindness. But to those who claimed to be spiritual know-it-alls, Jesus promised the judgment of becoming even more spiritually blind. Humility brings sight; pride leads to darkness.” ~Dr. Tony Evans*
- *“Amazing Grace...I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.” ~John Newton, 1772*

### 1. Blindness in the Bible

Scripture: Leviticus 21:17-18, Deuteronomy 15:21, Psalm 146:8, Isaiah 35:5, 42:7, Acts 9:8-18

- *Blindness seen as a defect*
- *Prophecy of the Messiah healing the eyes of the blind*

### 2. A teaching moment for the disciples

Scripture: John 9:1-7, Exodus 20:5, Ezekiel 18:19-20, Genesis 2:7, Ecclesiastes 3:20

- *Verses 2-5: Jesus corrects bad theology. Time to go into action while Jesus was there.*
- *Verses 6-7: God formed man of the dust of the ground [Gen 2:7]. The blind man’s obedience.*

### 3. Disbelief and a sham investigation

Scripture: John 9:8-34, Judges 6:27-32

- *Neighbors*
- *Pharisees*
- *Parents*

### 4. A healed man’s journey

Scripture: John 9:11, 17, 38

- *A MAN called Jesus...a PROPHET...LORD, Son of God*
- *Verse 25: “Just the facts, ma’am”... “the truth shall make you free”*
- *Verses 27, 30-33: Boldness!*

### 5. The Lord’s purpose... how He sees things.

Scripture: John 9:35-41

- *“...that those who **do not see** may **see**, and that those who **see** may be **made blind**.”*
- *PHYSICAL blindness vs SPIRITUAL blindness. \_\_\_\_\_ brings sight; \_\_\_\_\_ leads to darkness.*

# Group Discussion

1. What stood out to you in tonight's message and scripture passages? *Be descriptive...*
2. Reflecting on your life, can you relate to having the perspective of the **neighbors**? Unable to recognize the people around us who need help. Can you relate to having the mindset of the **parents**? More interested in self-preservation and afraid of the "cancel culture" that the world puts on followers of Jesus.
3. In John 9, we see the physical transformation when the blind man receives his sight, but more importantly we see the spiritual transformation take place from the beginning of the chapter to when he worships the Lord in verse 38. Describe how this relates to you personally.
  - If someone were to ask, "Who is Jesus to you, and how has He affected your life?" how would you respond?
  - In verses 27 and 30-33, the man has boldness in his response to the Pharisees. Do you have the same boldness? If not, what is holding you back?
4. What did you hear or learn from tonight's discussion that spoke to you personally? How will you directly and specifically apply it in your life today?

# Prayer

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Take a few moments to share any Prayer Requests with the men in your Group. Write down any requests and commit to pray for one another throughout the week.

*(It's great to know that other guys are praying for the important things in your life...and it's great to be praying for the important things in their lives!)*

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How do the **5 Principles for the Christian Man**, help equip you to apply this to your life?

*Discuss your answer with your group...*

- Prayer (*Relationship*)
- God's Word (*Knowledge and Understanding*)
- Worship (*Adoration*)
- Fellowship (*Encouragement and Accountability*)
- Service (*Caring for Others, Action to your Belief*)