

Small Group Questions

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Signs: "Healing a Man Born Blind"

This 7 week series examines the miracles in the Gospel of John identified by the author as "signs." Signs point beyond themselves and communicate something important. Each of the miracles performed by Jesus reveal something important about the Kingdom of God and the nature of God/Jesus. Each week will focus on one miracle and seek to relate the implications to our lives today. Ultimately, the signs show the power and the identity of Jesus as God in the flesh.

The goal of this series is invite believers to trust Jesus more in the day-to-day challenges of life and invite those who have not yet trusted Jesus to cross the line of faith.

Thanks for all you do...

(Questions to get everyone to participate)

1. How good or bad is your vision? If it's bad, what's one situation created by your less-than-perfect vision?
2. What one day in your life qualifies as a "roller-coaster ride" because it's filled with highs and lows?

(Questions based on the primary texts)

Read John 9:1-38.

1. What do you think lies behind the disciples question in :2? What does Jesus' answer in :3-5 reveal about how He views the man's suffering?
2. What is your understanding of Jesus title of "light of the world"? (:5)
3. Why does Jesus keep healing on the Sabbath when it upset the Pharisees so much? (:14) What point is He making?
4. Not the conflicting claims to knowledge and certainty on the part of the Pharisees, the parents, and the man born blind. What is each party sure of? Not sure of?
5. In the course of the investigation, what is the man able to see about Jesus? (see :12, 17, 25-27, 30-33, 36,38) What is he able to see about the Pharisees? How is his attitude changing as well?
6. In light of Jesus' statement about this man's suffering revealing the work of God (:3), what difficulty, suffering, challenge in your life turned into an opportunity for God to demonstrate His power?
7. Who has been the toughest person for you to explain your faith to? Why? What have you found most helpful in dealing with people who ridicule your faith?
8. Has your faith in Jesus led to any exclusion from any group? How has this hurt or helped you?