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John 9:1–12 – Believing is Seeing

Small Group Questions

Pray for God's help as you turn to look at His word, to understand and respond rightly to what you'll see.

Read through the passage and then discuss these questions together.

1. The man introduced in v1 is in a state of 'desperate darkness'. Looking right through these verses, what kinds of darkness do you see described or implied? (Consider the man's physical condition, his material situation, the disciples' assumptions, the reactions of others.)
2. Look at vv1-2. How do the disciples interpret the man's suffering? How does Jesus reframe their understanding in v3?
3. How do verse 4-5 indicate to us what the work of Jesus' followers will be after his ascension?
4. Re-read vv6-7. The man born blind gained his sight because he heard, believed and obeyed God's word. What was physically true of him is spiritually true of us. What implications does this for (i) how we grow as disciples and (ii) how we do evangelism?
5. Why do you think the man obeyed Jesus by going to the Pool of Siloam? Describe how you expect he felt as he walked there.
6. How is that man's walk to Siloam a picture of a Christian's life of faith?
7. "Christian faith looks like living and acting in ways that make no sense unless God is real and he is who he says he is and he does what he promises." How do you find this statement (i) an encouragement and (ii) a challenge?
8. "This miracle didn't remove all the man's experience of darkness, but it allowed him to see the only one who ever could." How does this help us understand what our experience will be as we increasingly hear, believe and obey God's word?

Respond to God's word in prayer

Share any answers to prayer you've seen since you last met

Take some time to pray for each other