



**Title:** “Believing Is Seeing”

**Text:** John 9

Jesus heals the man born blind. This is sign # \_\_\_\_\_

**THE RESTORATION** (John 9:1-12)

The assumption was that \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ go hand in hand.

- Job’s friends
- Exodus 34:6-7
- Blessings and Curses of Deuteronomy 27-28

What reason did Jesus give for this man’s condition?

**CHALLENGE #1:** We need to rethink our understanding about why bad things happen to good people.

- See Luke 4:18-19; Isaiah 61:1-3

Jesus’ making mud to restore the man echoes of Genesis 2:7

**THE INVESTIGATION** (John 9:13-34)

Group 1: He can’t be from God because he’s a \_\_\_\_\_ who breaks the Sabbath.

Group 2: How could a \_\_\_\_\_ do these things?

The Man: He’s definitely maybe a \_\_\_\_\_

“Whether or not he’s a sinner, I don’t know. One thing I do know: I was \_\_\_\_\_, and now I can \_\_\_\_\_!” (vs 25).

**CHALLENGE #2:** It’s ok to say, “I don’t know.” Just tell your \_\_\_\_\_.

**THE DEDICATION** (John 9:35-41)

The man had his \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_ sight restored.

“I believe, Lord!” he said, and he \_\_\_\_\_ him. (vs 38)

**CHALLENGE #3:** Are we blind, too?

- See Isaiah 6:8-10

**THE INVITATION**

How did the blind man’s understanding of Jesus progress?

The invitation is always - Come and See!

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**Going Deeper** | Study & Discussion Questions

1. What do we get wrong about theodicy (why bad things happen to good people)?
2. Earlier we were told that the “work of God” is to believe in Christ. Now we see that the work of God is bringing about New Creation (healing, restoration, etc.). What’s the connection between them?
3. How would you fill in the blanks about what Jesus has done for you: I once was \_\_\_\_\_, but now I \_\_\_\_\_.”
4. How do we recognize spiritual blindness in others and ourselves?
5. Why is it a healthy practice to say “I don’t know”?
6. What has been your biggest takeaway from John’s gospel so far?