



Can You See?
John 9:25

Discussion Questions

- ▶ How does Jesus' answer to the disciples challenge common assumptions about the causes of suffering?
- ▶ In what ways does the healed man's testimony demonstrate courage and conviction?
- ▶ How does the passage encourage perseverance in faith amidst opposition and persecution?
- ▶ Reflect on Jesus' metaphor of light and darkness (vv4-5). How does it relate to your understanding of His role in your life?
- ▶ Following the message, who is it that you are compelled to share the good news with? When will you do it? How will you do it?

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He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"

1. The Great Delusion (vv1-7)

See Who God really is!

- Delusion: something that is believed to be true or real but that is actually false or unreal.
- Delusion: A result of having a confused state of mind, *that cannot differentiate what is true and what is not.*
- Some delusions are derived from false assumptions.

Examples of False Assumptions

- ▶ Things will all work out on its own.
- ▶ People should be grateful if I help them.
- ▶ We need to make everything perfect before taking action.
- ▶ People closest to me can tolerate my nonsense indefinitely.
- ▶ My life and my priorities are important for everyone else.

Examples of False Assumptions

- ▶ No one will know if we sweep things under the carpet.
- ▶ Children will grow up to be good naturally.
- ▶ All Christian songs we sing are in line with God's Word.
- ▶ People I can't understand are less intelligent than me.
- ▶ If you do good, you will be blessed. If not, you will be cursed.

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- "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" (v2)
- Deuteronomistic Theology: obey/blessed, disobey/cursed
- Job & His 3 Friends:
 1. Eliphaz, "You're suffering because you have sinned" (Job 4, 5, 15, 22)
 2. Bildad, "You won't admit you sinned, so you're still suffering (Job 8, 18, 25)
 3. Zophar, "Your sin deserves even more suffering!" (Job 11, 20)

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- Problem w/ Man: Finite minds lead to false assumptions, delusions
- Prerogative of God: Beyond man's thoughts & ways (Isa. 55:8-9)
- So, let God be God!
- “Why do you pay attention to the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? (Matthew 7:3)
- Which area of your life does God want to display His glory?

2. The Great Destitution (of Vision) (vv8-23)

Shine as light of the world!

- Spiritual blindness of 3 groups of people
- The People: Blinded by unbelief
- The Pharisees: Blinded by jealousy & pride
- The Parents: Blinded by fear of man
- Do we seek applause from man rather than approval from God?
- If we fear God, not man, we will shine as the light in the darkness

3. The Great Deliverance (vv25-41)

Share the good news of Jesus!

- The healed man believed in Jesus
- The healed man was convicted and courageous
- “For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.” (2 Timothy 1:7)
- True courage is **driven** by a **desire** for Jesus, **dependency** on the power of God and **disciplined** by the Holy Spirit.

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- “The wicked man flees though no one pursues, but the righteous are as bold as a lion.” (Proverbs 28:1)
- Timid people think with their legs. They take flight rather than take the fight.
- “Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; **be men of courage**; be strong.” (1 Corinthians 16:13)
- With courage, the healed man shared his testimony and challenged the Pharisees.
- How courageous are you when it comes to sharing the good news?

Conclusion & Reflection

Great Delusion

See Who God really Is!

What false assumptions
you hold that need
correction?

Will you will let God be
God and be led by His
Word & Spirit?

Great Destitution

Shine as light of the
world!

Do you see yourself as
light of the world?
How can you shine as
one?

Great Deliverance

Share the Good News!

Will you take courage
to share the good news
wherever & whomever
God will lead you?