

“I Once Was Blind” Group Study

Season 3: Light in the Darkness, **Week 4**

Passage: John 9:1-41

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ICEBREAKER:

1. What’s the longest road trip you’ve ever taken? Share a few highlights with your group.

As a way to get into the study, go back over the Sermon Outline from Sunday:

When you’re suffering don’t seek **an explanation**, search for **God’s activity**.

→ View **healing as a journey**.

→ Expect **resistance**.

→ Tell **your story**.

When you experience **God’s grace**, respond with **belief and worship**.



Learning His Way

(Every week in these studies, we will ask questions about the Scriptures that try to help us Discover the unique Way of Jesus that is found in the text.)

2. Read the entire passage John 9:1-41.
3. What day was it, where did this take place, and what had just happened prior to seeing the blind man? (Read John 8:59 as a quick reminder.)
4. Though he never asked to be healed, the blind man surely benefitted from the encounter with Jesus. Identify and share those ways with the group.
5. What was the cost of the blind man’s healing? What happened to him?



Forming His Heart

(This is the part of the study where we work on our own hearts. “How does my character need to grow and change because of this passage?”)

6. There is something to be learned from all of the characters in this passage. What do we learn from Jesus? The disciples? The blind man? The parents? And finally, the Pharisee's.
7. We've examined and talked about everyone else in this passage, except you, the reader. Who do you most identify with?
8. Has studying this passage brought light to any area of your life that you'd be willing to go on a journey of healing with God?



Joining His Mission

(This is the part of the study that we ask, “What would God want us to do because of this passage?”)

9. Share your own story of transformation in the phrase:

I was _____. Now I'm _____.

10. Your transformation might just be the evidence that will help others see Jesus in a new light. Consider committing as a group to share and celebrate when those moments arise throughout your week.

General Church Announcements:

Ryan will be leading a trip to Israel summer of 2024. For more information, visit www.efcc.org/Israel.