

## **Believe and Have Life**

*The Gospel of John*

**John 9:1–23**

**Read John 9:1–23.**

1. What observations can you make about the man Jesus sees?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What is the only way the disciples can make sense of the man's suffering? (v. 2)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Jesus answers the disciples' question and at the same time redirects them to the purpose for the man's blindness. What does Jesus say is the purpose? (v. 3)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. What is the work that the "light of the world" (v. 5) does for the man who cannot see? (vv. 6–7)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. How should this work of Jesus be a sign to the Jews that he is the prophesied Messiah? (Is. 42:7a, 16; Lk. 4:16–21)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Encourage someone in your group by sharing how you see the work of God being displayed in her life.

7. Jesus performs a very public miracle that creates a stir in the Jewish community.  
How do the neighbors of the healed man respond? (vv. 8–12)

How does he try to settle their confusion? (vv. 9–11)

8. Unsatisfied with the man's testimony, to what authority do the Jews go to make sense of this miracle? (v. 13)


9. What causes a division to arise among the Pharisees? (vv. 14, 16)

10. What does the healed man believe about Jesus at this point? (v. 17)

11. Even after all they had seen and heard what do some of the Jews refuse to acknowledge about Jesus?  
(vv. 16, 18, 22)


12. The parents of the formerly blind man are summoned.  
What information do the parents confirm? (v. 20)

What information will they not confirm? (v. 21)

Why? (vv. 22–23; 12:37, 42;  \* Mt. 10:34–38; Acts 26:9–11)

13. In this lesson we have seen a variety of responses to the miracle of sight that Jesus has given. Which response do you currently identify with the most? Why?

Ask Jesus for the boldness to proclaim his work in your life.

\*The  symbol indicates verses for further study.