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John 9

Once Blind, Now I See

NAME _____ DATE _____

KEY VERSE · JOHN 9:25 · NASB

> *"He then answered, "Whether He is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."*

A man born blind gets his sight and loses his place in the synagogue. Track two things through the chapter: how the man's view of Jesus grows, and how the Pharisees' view of Jesus shrinks.

BEFORE YOU ANSWER

1. Read John 9 straight through, then a second time slowly with a pen.
2. Mark what you see: God · commands · repeated words · sin / warnings · promises · time / place.
3. Answer from the text first. Write the verse number beside every answer.

COUNT THE KEY WORDS

Find each word in John 9. Tally it and note the verses. What does John keep coming back to?

WORD	HOW MANY?	VERSES
blind		
eyes		
sinner		
know		
Sabbath		
see / sees / saw / seen		

JOHN 9:1–7 The Sign

1 OBSERVE

What do the disciples assume, and how does Jesus answer (9:2–3)?

2 WEIGH THE TEACHERS

Sproul says God can send affliction for disobedience, but we cannot read every affliction that way. Spurgeon: "Christ is ever for seeking out, not the cause, but the remedy." What difference does it make to ask "for what?" instead of "who sinned?"

3 OBSERVE

What did Jesus do, what did He tell the man, and what did the man do (9:6–7)?

4 INTERPRET

John translates Siloam as "Sent." Who is "sent" all through this Gospel (see 9:4)?

JOHN 9:8–12 The Neighbors

5 OBSERVE

How does the man tell what happened (9:11)?

JOHN 9:13–17 The Pharisees, First Round

6 OBSERVE

What is the problem the Pharisees find (9:14, 16)? What does the man now call Jesus (9:17)?

JOHN 9:18–23 The Parents

7 OBSERVE

What do the parents confirm, what do they refuse to say, and why (9:20–22)?

8 APPLY

Henry: "The fear of man brings a snare." What does being "put out" look like where you live, and where has fear kept you quiet about Jesus?

JOHN 9:24–34 The Pharisees, Second Round

9 OBSERVE

The Pharisees say, "We know that this man is a sinner" (9:24). What does the man say he knows (9:25)?

10 INTERPRET

Follow the man's reasoning in 9:30–33. What is his argument?

11 WEIGH THE TEACHERS

Spurgeon: "If the gospel of God be true, it can stand any quantity of questioning." Sproul: "Do not ever confuse your personal testimony with the gospel." How do your story and the gospel work together?

12 APPLY

What is your "one thing I do know"? Write it in a sentence.

JOHN 9:35–41 Jesus Finds Him; the Verdict

13 OBSERVE

What did Jesus do when He heard they had put him out (9:35)? How did the man respond (9:38)?

14 OBSERVE

Trace the man's view of Jesus through 9:11, 9:17, 9:33 and 9:38.

15 INTERPRET

Jesus says, "For judgment I came into this world" (9:39). How does that fit with 3:17? Who receives sight, and whose sin remains (9:41)?

16 APPLY

The men who threw him out could not keep Jesus from finding him. Who do you know who has been "put out," and how can you go find him?

WORD STUDY The Greek behind the English

17 WORD *aposynagōgos* · G656 · put out of the synagogue

This word is only in John (9:22; 12:42; 16:2). What does 16:2 say this will mean for Jesus' followers?

18 WORD *oida* · G1492 · to know (from having seen)

"We know" (9:24, 29) and "I do know" (9:25) battle through the chapter. What is the difference between the Pharisees' knowledge and the man's?

PUT IT TOGETHER The chapter as a whole

The theme. In one or two sentences of your own, what is John 9 about?

Jesus. What does this chapter show you about who Jesus is that you want to remember?

This week. What one thing will you do because of this chapter, and which brother will you tell?

Around the table. Prayer requests and what the other men saw that you missed.