

DIGGING DEEPER



Walking in Truth

1. What did you learn from our study in the 9th chapter of John that you did not already know? What one change do you purpose to make in your life as a result of this study?
2. Though it may be difficult to honestly admit, express some of the thoughts and feelings you have when you first see a physically, mentally or emotionally challenged person. Why? What changes after you spend time with them?
3. In what ways do you think you are “challenged”? How are you like the blind man? How possibly are you like his neighbors? ...the disciples? ...the Pharisees? ...Jesus?
4. List three ways in which the healing of the blind man displayed the work of God.
5. What physically, mentally or emotionally challenged people do you know whom you could help in some tangible way?

SIGHT FOR THE BLIND



John 9:1-12

*6th in a Series of Studies on
Seven Signs that Jesus is
Messiah & God*

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FOR LONG-HANDLED SHOVELS



“I do not seek to understand in order that I may believe, but I believe in order that I may understand . . . if I did not believe, I would not understand.”

Anselm of Canterbury

Anselm was not opposed to critical thinking, but he believed and taught the inconvenient truth that belief often precedes full understanding. If you struggle to understand all facets of your faith, don't fret. You're in good company.

- Explain your thoughts on the relationship between faith and reason.

I. The Disciples & the Blind Man (9:1–5) _____

- A. **Their Observation**

- B. **Their Speculation**

II. The Savior & the Blind Man (9:6–7) _____

- A. **The mud:**

- B. **The miracle:**

III. The Neighbors & the Blind Man (9:8–12) _____

- A. **Their confusion:**

- B. **His clarification:**

IV. The Pharisees & the Blind Man (9:13–23) _____

- A. **The man**
 - 1. *The day:*
 - 2. *The demand:*
 - 3. *The division:*

- B. **The parents**
 - 1. *The Pharisees' Question:*
 - 2. *The parents' Answer*

V. The Pharisees, Blind Man & Jesus (9:24–34) _____

- A. **Jesus is denounced by the Pharisees**
 - 1.
 - 2.

- B. **Jesus is defended by the blind man**
 - 1.
 - 2.

- C. **The former blind man is thrown out of the synagogue**

VI. Jesus & the Blind Man (9:35–41) _____

- A. **That the blind might see**
 - 1. *The witness by Jesus:*

 - 2. *The worship of Jesus:*

- B. **That those who think they can see might be blinded**