

Study Questions for John Chapter 9

- Why do you think people naturally assume that sicknesses and struggles are always the direct consequence of some act of sin that we have committed?
- Although Jesus revealed that the blindness of the man in this chapter was not the direct result of sin, is it possible for sin to directly be the cause of some of our challenges? If so, give examples.
- What is Karma and why is it unbiblical?
- Jesus made it clear that God allowed the man to be born blind so that God would receive the glory. What is the difference between God allowing something to happen and God directly causing something to happen?
- Since we never really know how much personal sin has directly affected someone's situation, what should our attitude be toward those who are suffering?
- In **verse 4** what do “**day**” and “**night**” represent in terms of our lives and our calling to serve God?
- In the teaching, what did Pastor Paul describe as “**a touchpoint for faith**”?
- What was the response of the man's neighbors to his newfound ability to see?
- How would you characterize the response of the Jewish religious leaders?
- What was their primary reason for rejecting this as a legitimate miracle?
- Why were the Jewish religious leaders wrong about miracles happening on the Sabbath?
- If Jesus had performed this miracle on any other day, do you think the religious leaders would have accepted it as being from God? Why or why not?
- What was the response of the man's parents?
- The religious leaders claimed to be “disciples of Moses.” Go back to **John 5:45–46** and read Jesus' previous response to that claim.
- Why are the statements of the formerly blind man in **verses 30-33** full of wisdom?
- When Jesus later found the man who had been born blind and spoke to him, how would you characterize their conversation?
- What can we deduce from **verse 38** and why is this verse a proof text for the deity of Jesus?
- Why is blindness an apt picture of those who refuse to acknowledge their sin and who instead claim to be righteous on the basis of their own merit?
- What do you feel was the most important take-away from this study?