

Central Church of Christ
POINTING PEOPLE TO JESUS

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
John



A PERIOD OF CONFLICT
Once I Was Blind
John 9:1-41 || October 4, 2026

WELCOME

We're Glad You're Here!

We know visiting a church for the first time can feel intimidating.

Our goal is to help you feel at home and **point you to Jesus**.

Here's **what to expect** in our worship today:

We sing acappella (voices only), take the Lord's Supper, offer prayers, and listen to a message from the Bible. **You are welcome to participate with us as** much as you are comfortable.

After worship concludes, we offer **Bible classes for all ages**.

You're welcome to stay and join whichever class fits you best.



Before the sermon, **children ages 2–7** are invited to a special time called **Wee Worship**, where they can enjoy Bible stories, songs, and age-appropriate activities in a safe, welcoming environment.

Oct 4: God helps us overcome the “giants” in our daily lives.

Lesson Text: 1 Samuel 17:1-49

For those 8 years old and above, **complete the fill in blanks** in this handout and show the preacher or one of the elders for a special treat or TWO Bible Bucks to spend at Central Park.

SERVICE ORDER

September 27, 2026

Announcements

Call to Worship

He Has Made Me Glad

Open The Eyes Of My Heart

Prayer

Heaven Came Down

Prepare For Communion

Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone

Communion Prayers

Lord's Army

Children's Chat

Scripture Reading - John 9:35-41

All To Us

Sermon

Nothing But The Blood

Heritage Dedication

Shepherd's Moment

Mat Sane

Vince Boling

David Byerly

David Byerly

David Byerly

Ross Jordan

John Cox

Sam Lewis

Aidan Smith

Aidan & Josh

Scott Shepherd

Andrew Boone

Shane Robinson

Andrew Boone

Phil Shannon/Dean Baker

Frank Brown

GREETERS

Tony & Yvonne Coley, Terry & Virginia Ensley

NURSERY

Sheila Baker & Virginia Ensley

WEE WORSHIP

Patrick, Mendy, Madelyn & Carter Goble

SERVE COMMUNION

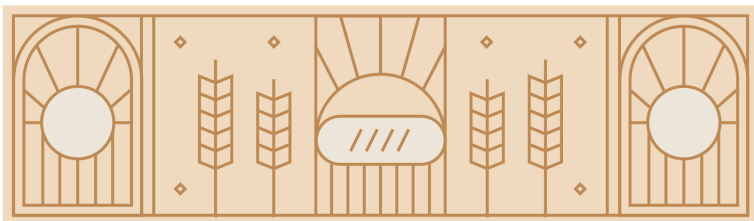
Kenny Bryant, Mat Sane, Jim Brown, Nathan Bennett, Liam Martinez,
Tony Stanley, Greg Smith, Will Smith

SCRIPTURE READING

John 9:35-41, NKJV

“Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, “Do you believe in the Son of God?” He answered and said, “Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?” And Jesus said to him, “You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you.” Then he said, “Lord, I believe!” And he worshiped Him. And Jesus said, “For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind.” Then some of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these words, and said to Him, “Are we blind also?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, ‘We see.’ Therefore your sin remains.”

The New King James Version. Thomas Nelson, 1982



KEY WORDS

John 9:1-41

Blind (typhlos), 9:1, 39-41. Unable to see. The word appears again and again in this chapter. It begins with a man's eyes and ends with the hearts of those who claimed they could see.

Sinner (hamartōlos), 9:16, 24-25, 31. One who misses the mark or lives outside God's law. The Pharisees used it as a label for Jesus. The man refused to argue the label and simply told what he knew.

Give God the Glory (dos doxan tō theō), 9:24. A solemn charge to tell the truth before God. Joshua used the same words when he pressed Achan to confess (Joshua 7:19). The Pharisees were not asking the man to praise God, but pressure him to change his story.

Put Out of the Synagogue (aposynagōgos), 9:22. To be cut off from the community of worship. The word appears only in John. For the parents, this threat was enough to keep them quiet.

Disciple (mathētēs), 9:27-28. A learner or follower. The man asked if the Pharisees wanted to become Jesus' disciples. They answered that they were disciples of Moses. The question of whose disciple you are runs through the whole chapter.

Cast Out (ekballō), 9:34-35. To throw out or drive away. The leaders cast the man out because he would not deny what Jesus had done. The next verse says Jesus heard and went to find him.

For more study materials, visit ccocdalton.org/john

ONCE I WAS BLIND

John 9:1-41 || October 04, 2026

A man blind from birth sat begging by the road. When the disciples saw him, they asked whose sin was to blame. Those who should have welcomed him pushed him out instead. Jesus was the one who came looking for him.

The Initial Questions

John 9:1-7 || Is Suffering a Sign of Sin?

The disciples asked who _____ (9:2). Many believed suffering was in some way associated with sin (Ex. 20:5; Num. 14:18; Deut. 5:9).

Jesus answered them, " _____ " (9:3-5). Jesus explained this man's blindness had nothing to do with his sin or his parents' sin.

Jesus made clay and _____ him (9:6-7). Jesus put clay on the man's eyes and told him to wash in the pool of Siloam (cp. 9:4).

The Troubling Questions

John 9:8-34 || Who Is the Real Sinner Here?

The neighbors want to know _____ it happened (9:8-12). These people knew him as the man who sat and begged. Some were not sure it was him, and others were curious about what happened.

The Pharisees want to know _____ made it happen (9:13-23). The Pharisees were divided because the healing happened on the Sabbath (9:16). His parents feared being put out of the synagogue (9:22).

The leaders don't care about _____ happened (9:24-34). The leaders called Jesus a sinner, but the man held to what he knew. They said the man was born in sin and cast him out.

The Lingering Questions

John 9:35-41 || Are We Blind Also?

Jesus _____ him (9:35). Jesus heard the man had been cast out. He found him and asked, "Do you believe in the Son of God?"

The man _____ Him (9:36-38). Jesus told him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you." The man said, "Lord, I believe!" and worshiped Him.

The Pharisees _____ blind (9:39-41). Jesus said He came so the blind would see. The Pharisees were blind and their sin remained.

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John did not write this so that we would know more 'about' Jesus.

He wrote it so that we would 'know' Jesus. Jesus knows you and wants you to know Him.

A Better Question.

The disciples saw the blind man and asked who was to blame. Jesus turned their attention to what God could do. A better question is to ask how God might be at work (Rom. 8:26-28).

A Better Answer.

The man could not answer every question the Pharisees asked. But he knew what Jesus had done for him. A better answer is to tell what the Lord has done for you (Mk. 5:19).

A Better Admission.

The Pharisees claimed they could see, so their sin remained. The man admitted his need, and Jesus opened his eyes. A better admission is to confess we cannot see on our own (1 Jn. 1:8-9).

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Assembly Times

AM Worship

Sundays @ 9:30 AM

Sun Bible Classes

Immediately After Worship

Wed Night Meal

Wednesdays @ 5:30 PM

Wed Bible Classes

Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM

Reoccurring Events

Ladies Bible Class

Tuesday @ 10:30 AM

LIFE Groups

Various times & locations

(Visit our website)

Food & Clothing

Tues & Thurs 10 AM-12 PM

(Go to office area)



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