

BIBLE STUDY GUIDE: “OPEN YOUR EYES”

(John 9 – The Healing of the Blind Man)

Source:

BIG IDEA

Jesus opens not only physical eyes—but **spiritual sight**, calling us to move from blindness to belief and from passive faith to active witness.

THEME

From Blindness to Sight: Seeing Jesus, Living with Compassion, and Boldly Proclaiming Truth

CONTEXT (Historical + Biblical Setting)





- Found in **John 9**, part of Jesus' signs revealing His identity.
 - A man is **blind from birth**, believed by many to be cursed or judged.
 - Jesus heals him—sparking controversy with the Pharisees.
 - The story unfolds in stages:
 1. Physical healing
 2. Investigation by Pharisees
 3. Rejection of truth
 4. Spiritual awakening
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MAIN POINT 1: WE ARE ALL BORN WITH SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS

Key Scripture

- John 9:1–3 – *“Who sinned, this man or his parents?”*
- 2 Corinthians 4:4 – *“The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers.”*

Teaching Insight

- The man's blindness represents **human spiritual condition**.
- People often assume suffering = punishment—but Jesus corrects this.

- The deeper issue isn't physical blindness—it's **spiritual blindness**.

Application

- Where might you be spiritually blind right now?
- Are there areas where you cannot yet see what God is doing?

Sticky Quote

“The greatest blindness is not physical—it's spiritual.”

MAIN POINT 2: RELIGION WITHOUT HEART LEADS TO BLINDNESS

Key Scripture

- John 9:13–16 – Pharisees reject the miracle.
- Isaiah 29:13 – *“These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.”*

Teaching Insight

- The Pharisees:
 - Knew the law
 - Practiced religion
 - Yet missed God Himself
- They reduced faith to:
 - Rules

- Rituals
- Systems
- Their focus on control blinded them to **truth and compassion.**

Application

- Is your faith driven by relationship or routine?
- Are you going through the motions—or truly seeking God?

Sticky Quote

“You can be religious and still be completely blind.”

MAIN POINT 3: JESUS SEES WHAT OTHERS IGNORE

Key Scripture

- John 9:6–7 – Jesus heals the man.
- Matthew 9:36 – *“He had compassion on them...”*

Teaching Insight

- Others walked past the blind man—but Jesus **stopped.**
- Society labeled him:
 - Unclean
 - Unworthy

- Forgotten
- Jesus saw:
 - A person
 - A purpose
 - A moment for God's glory

Application

- Who are you walking past that Jesus would stop for?
- Where can you show compassion this week?

Sticky Quote

“Jesus stops for the people others overlook.”

MAIN POINT 4: SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS CAN REJECT OBVIOUS TRUTH

Key Scripture

- John 9:18–34 – Pharisees deny the miracle.
- John 9:39 – *“The blind will see and those who see will become blind.”*

Teaching Insight

- The miracle was undeniable—yet still rejected.
- Why?
 - Pride
 - Control

- Fear of losing power
- Truth becomes threatening when it disrupts our comfort.

Application

- Are you resisting truth because it challenges your life?
- Where might pride be blinding you?

Sticky Quote

“Pride will deny what the eyes clearly see.”

MAIN POINT 5: JESUS CHANGES MORE THAN YOUR CONDITION—HE CHANGES YOUR IDENTITY

Key Scripture

- John 9:35–38 – The man meets Jesus and believes.
- 2 Corinthians 5:17 – *“If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.”*

Teaching Insight

- The man is healed physically—but then transformed spiritually.
- He moves from:
 - Blind → Seeing

- Beggar → Witness
- Outcast → Believer
- True transformation happens when we **encounter Jesus personally**.

Application

- Have you moved from knowing about Jesus to knowing Him?
- How has your identity changed because of Him?

Sticky Quote

“Jesus doesn’t just fix your life—He gives you a new one.”

MAIN POINT 6: A CHANGED LIFE BECOMES A BOLD WITNESS

Key Scripture

- John 9:25 – *“I was blind but now I see!”*
- Acts 4:20 – *“We cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.”*

Teaching Insight

- The healed man couldn’t stay silent.
- His testimony was simple—but powerful.
- True encounters with Jesus produce **boldness**.

Application

- Are you sharing what Jesus has done in your life?
- What is your “I was blind, now I see” story?

Sticky Quote

“You don’t need all the answers—just tell your story.”

MAIN POINT 7: SEEING JESUS CHANGES HOW WE LIVE

Key Scripture

- Ephesians 5:8 – *“You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.”*
- Matthew 5:16 – *“Let your light shine before others.”*

Teaching Insight

- Spiritual sight leads to:
 - Compassion for others
 - Bold faith
 - Active service
- Christianity is not passive—it’s **movement and mission.**

Application

- Are you living as someone who truly “sees”?

- How are you actively serving others?

Sticky Quote

“If you can see, you’re called to help others see.”

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What areas of your life might still be spiritually blind?
 2. How can religious habits become a barrier to real faith?
 3. Who in your life needs compassion instead of judgment?
 4. Why do people sometimes reject obvious truth about Jesus?
 5. What is your personal testimony of transformation?
 6. How can you be more bold in sharing your faith?
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PRACTICAL CHALLENGE

- Identify one “blind spot” in your life and pray for clarity.
- Show compassion to one overlooked person this week.
- Share your testimony with at least one person.

FINAL ENCOURAGEMENT

Jesus is still opening eyes today.
The question is not whether He can—
but whether we are willing to **see, believe, and respond.**

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord,
Open our eyes to see You clearly.
Remove the blindness in our hearts and minds.
Give us compassion for others and boldness to share Your
truth.
Help us live as people who truly see.
In Jesus' name, Amen.