

Connect Group Guide: “God is Not an Angry God”



Passage: John 9:1-12

Sermon Link: [▶ God Is Not An Angry God](#)

Welcome:

(Choose a question for your group to discuss)

- How would you describe true freedom?

Worship:

(May choose to use YouTube or other mediums to facilitate your time of worship)

- [▶ Chris Tomlin - Good Good Father \(Audio\)](#)

Word:

(Discuss these questions in your group, encourage everyone to take part)

Before reading the scripture:

- How would you describe God's Character?
- “If I do good God will bless me, and if I sin God will punish me.” Do you agree with this statement? Why/Why not?
- Why do you think people try to earn God's love, even when they know they can't?

Read: John 9:1-12

- Why do you think the disciples asked Jesus who is at fault for the man's condition?
- Do you think that their question was justified? Why?
- What do you think this reveals about their understanding of God?
- Jesus replied saying that it was neither the sin of this man or his parents, "but this happened so that the works of God may be displayed in him". Discuss this statement.
- What is Jesus revealing about God's character in His response to the disciples?
- How does Jesus' response highlight the spiritual blindness of the disciples?
- There is no record of the blind man asking to be healed, why do you think Jesus healed this man?

Works:

(Take some time for personal reflecting on the following questions and then share back with the group)

- In what way have you lived a life trying to earn God's love?
- What do you truly believe about God's character and His love for you?
- *"He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and unrighteous."* Matthew 5:45. In what way does this verse challenge the way you think about God?
- Do you believe that God is angry with you, and waiting to punish you for past sins? Why?

Closing:

(Remember to ask for prayer requests.)

Pray for one another that we may grow in the knowledge of God. Pray that each one will grow in knowing and understanding of the true character of God. Pray that God will reveal himself to you as a loving Father.

