



**WEEK SIX**

## **Healing of the Man Born Blind**

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### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**1. When was the last time what was supposed to happen did not happen, and your actual experience was very different than your expectation. What was the fallout? How long did the new reality last?**

**2. Pastor Jared said the times when expectation and experience don't line up are often the times we are most frustrated with God and yet they are also the times when our faith can grow the most. Why is this true?**

**3. Take a look at John 9:1-7. How is this sign different than the other five we have studied?**

**Why do you think Jesus had this man go to the pool to wash the mud – that He put there – out of his eyes?**

**4. The disciples wanted to know why this happened to this man that he was born blind but Jesus reveals that “why?” isn't the best question to ask. Why not? What's the better question?**

5. What is the difference between something that is new and something that is restored?

6. Now read John 9:18-25. What did the Pharisees have a problem with? Do people still have this problem?

7. Pastor Jared said that God desires to give us new eyes but that we've trained ourselves to see how things should be rather than how they could be. What's the difference?

8. What does God say to His people in Isaiah 43:18-21? What is the key to embracing the new thing God is doing, according to these verses?

How do we do that?

**MEMORIZE Isaiah 43:18-19 (NIV)** – ““Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

**CRB CORE VALUE THOUGHT:** This week, find the time to do an in-depth heart check to see if you are struggling to let go of expectations and embrace instead what God is actually doing. What step of obedience, like the blind man was asked to take, is God asking you to take?