

# Leader's Guide

From Blindness to Belief

John 9:35-41, Daniel 7:13-14

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In this message from John 9:35–41, the healing of the man born blind becomes a deeper story about spiritual sight. Though physically healed, the man is cast out by the Pharisees, but Jesus seeks him out and asks the ultimate question: “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” This passage reveals two possible responses to Jesus. The humble man acknowledges his need, believes, and worships. The Pharisees, confident in their own understanding, remain spiritually blind. The message challenges us to examine our own hearts: when Jesus reveals truth, exposes pride, or calls us to obedience, will we respond with surrender and worship or resist and remain blind?

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1. Where might you be tempted to rely on your own understanding instead of humbly remaining open to what Jesus wants to show you? How can spiritual overconfidence subtly affect your faith?

## Follow-Up Questions:

- What does spiritual overconfidence look like in everyday life?
- How can knowledge of Scripture sometimes become pride instead of transformation?
- Have you ever been confident you were “right,” only to realize later you were wrong?

## Additional Insight:

The Pharisees were not uninformed. They were deeply knowledgeable. Their blindness came from certainty without surrender. Spiritual maturity is not knowing more, but remaining teachable.

## Supporting Scripture:

- Proverbs 3:5–6
- 1 Corinthians 8:1
- James 1:22

2. The healed man was cast out by others but sought out by Jesus. Have you experienced a season where you felt rejected, overlooked, or distant, yet sensed Jesus drawing near? What did that teach you?

**Follow-Up Questions:**

- Why do you think Jesus intentionally sought the man after he was cast out?
- How does it change your view of hardship if Jesus uses it to draw closer?
- Who in your life might feel “cast out” right now?

**Supporting Scripture:**

- Luke 19:10
- Psalm 34:18
- Romans 8:38–39

3. Jesus asked, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” Beyond words, what does believing in Jesus look like in your daily life right now?

**Follow-Up Questions:**

- What is the difference between agreeing with facts about Jesus and trusting Him?
- Where is Jesus asking for active trust in your life?
- How does belief shape decisions, relationships, and priorities?

**Additional Insight:**

The title “Son of Man” connects to Daniel 7 and speaks of authority, dominion, and an eternal kingdom. Jesus is not asking for casual agreement. He is asking for allegiance. Belief is not passive. It is relational trust expressed in obedience.

**Supporting Scripture:**

- John 14:15
- Hebrews 11:1

4. Spiritual blindness isn't lack of knowledge but refusal to submit to revealed truth. Is there an area where Jesus may be asking for obedience (forgiveness, repentance, surrender, humility) and you've been resisting?

**Follow-Up Questions:**

- What makes obedience difficult in that area?
- Is the resistance rooted in fear, pride, hurt, or control?
- What would surrender practically look like?

**Additional Insight:**

Jesus says, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.” The issue is not awareness; it is unwillingness. Conviction is a gift. It means Jesus is still speaking.

**Supporting Scripture:**

- Psalm 139:23–24
- 1 John 1:9

5. The man’s belief led to worship. What would it look like this week for your response to Jesus to move beyond thought or feeling into visible action? What is one specific step you can take?

**Follow-Up Questions:**

- What is one area where obedience would be an act of worship?
- How can we support each other in taking these steps?
- What would change in your week if you consciously responded to Jesus daily?

**Additional Insight:**

Worship in this passage is not just singing; it is surrender. The man bowed before Jesus. True sight leads to submission.

**Supporting Scripture:**

- Romans 12:1 — Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice.