

Leader's Guide

Do You See What Jesus Is Doing?

John 9:1-34

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Our perspective shapes what we see and what we miss. As Jesus brings light to a man who has never seen before, those watching are forced to decide what they believe about Him, themselves, and the work of God unfolding right in front of them. Some resist, some fear the cost, and one simply testifies to the undeniable change in his life. The invitation is to recognize where darkness, doubt, or discouragement may still linger, and to rediscover the courage to trust, persevere, and let the light of Jesus shine through us for the sake of others.

Opening Question (Icebreaker)

When have you experienced people seeing the exact same situation very differently? What shaped those different perspectives?

1. The people in John 9 all witnessed the same miracle but responded very differently. Which group do you most relate to right now: neighbors who are unsure, Pharisees who resist, parents who are afraid, or the man who was healed? What makes you say that?

Follow-Up Questions:

- What experiences, fears, or assumptions might be shaping your current perspective?
- Have you noticed your perspective changing over time? What prompted that change?

2. Jesus continued to love, serve, and heal even after facing intense rejection. Where have you felt discouraged or tempted to give up on someone or something God has put on your heart? What would perseverance look like in that situation this week?

Follow-Up Questions:

- What emotions tend to surface when you feel rejected or ignored?
- How do you usually respond when progress feels slow or invisible?

Additional Scripture:

- Galatians 6:9
- James 1:12

3. The disciples assumed suffering must be the result of sin, but Jesus reframed it as an opportunity for God's work to be revealed. How does this challenge the way you view pain or hardship in your own life or in the lives of others?

Follow-Up Questions:

- Have you ever felt judged or judged yourself during a season of hardship?
- How might this perspective change the way you respond to others who are suffering?

Leader Insight: Be sensitive here. Some participants may be walking through deep pain. Avoid simplistic answers. Emphasize God's presence and purpose without implying that suffering is easy or insignificant.

Additional Scripture:

- John 16:33
- Romans 8:28

4. The healed man didn't have all the answers, but he boldly shared what he knew: his life had been changed. What is one simple way Jesus has made a difference in your life that you could honestly and confidently share with someone else?

Follow-Up Questions:

- What makes sharing your story feel intimidating or uncomfortable?
- How does focusing on personal experience rather than arguments change the way you think about sharing your faith?

Leader Insight: Reinforce that testimony does not require expertise. Authenticity is more powerful than eloquence.

Additional Scripture:

- Psalm 66:16
- Mark 5:19

5. Fear kept the parents quiet, even though they knew the truth. What fears tend to keep you from letting your faith be visible? What is one practical step you can take this week to let your light shine more clearly?

Follow-Up Questions:

- Whose approval do you find yourself most concerned about?
- What would faithfulness look like even if fear is still present?

Leader Insight: Help the group distinguish between boldness and perfection. Faithfulness often begins with small, quiet acts of obedience.

Additional Scripture:

- Matthew 5:14–16
- 2 Timothy 1:7