



SESSION 5

Who Sinned...That He Was Born Blind?



YES • NO • MAYBE

NOTES

1. I might hesitate to ask people near me to do a chore, because I know that I'd just have to redo it the right way when they're done anyhow!
2. Some of the mistakes of my past have kept me from fully realizing my dreams.
3. God sometimes makes things tougher so that you'll grow stronger.
4. If the pastor told me he could cure me with his spit, I'd find another church.
5. God could heal you instantly, but he prefers to send you through a journey of learning instead.

DIG DEEP

FROM BAD TO WORSE?

- Have you ever prayed for something and it all seemed to get worse?

JESUS MAKES THINGS WORSE...THEN BETTER?

- READ John 9:1-7 (NIV).

1 As [Jesus] went along, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

3 "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. 4 As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. 5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

6 After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. 7 "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

° What did the man's sins have to do with his blindness?

∞ Why do you think Jesus' disciples asked him this?

DIG DEEP...CONTINUED

- Why did Jesus say that this man had been born blind “so that the works of God might be displayed in him”? Does this mean that God causes some people to be born with disabilities? What does that say about His character?
 - ∞ A matter of punctuation...
- Why do you think Jesus started talking about the day and nighttime?
- Jesus could use any of a million methods to heal this man. Why did he spit on the ground, make some mud and put it on the man’s eyes? First of all, that’s quite gross! Secondly, doesn’t that make matters worse? All those grains of dirt and sand in your eyes?
- Why did Jesus send the man away before he could see again? Why didn’t he just heal him right there like he had done for so many other people? Why did Jesus send the blind man to the Pool of Siloam?
- How do you view this miracle and God’s character differently now?

MY PRAYERS

1. How much do I allow my past to cripple me spiritually?
2. What “light” has God brought into my life because of the place He has sent me?
3. How do I see God a little differently now?