

**Big idea: God's purpose in suffering is not always known, but it is never without eternal significance. Jesus moved toward the suffering and so should we.**

**I. Introduction to chapter 9...**

**A. Chapter 9 is the APEX of John's gospel**

**B. John is the master of IRONY, and this chapter shows that like no other**

**C. John (and the writers of Scripture) don't avoid the HARD STUFF**

**II. A man born blind...**

**A. Jesus' ATTENTION v. 1**

**1. When we last SAW Jesus he had DISAPPEARED**

**2. What Jesus SAW**

- There are no biblical accounts of RESTORED sight until the gospels**
- In the Old Testament giving of sight was always seen as a DIVINE MESSIANIC activity**

**B. The disciples QUESTION v. 2 (CAUSE)**

**1. A case of bad THEOLOGY**

**2. Still bad theology TODAY**

### 3. No EASY answers

- CORRECTIVE – Hebrews 12
- CONSTRUCTIVE – James 1
- REVEAL God's grace – 2 Corinthians 4:16-17; 12:9

## C. Jesus' ANSWER vs. 3-5 (PURPOSE)

### 1. The SOVEREIGN purposes of God v. 3

- NEGATIVELY
- POSITIVELY

### 2. The STEWARDSHIP of man vs. 4-5

- NECESSITY
- WORKS
- URGENCY

## III. What we take away...

There's a day coming when sin and suffering are no more. Until then, brokenness and suffering are opportunities for the works of God to be displayed. Live for his glory!