

JOHN 9:1-12

TROPHIES OF GRACE

THE PROBLEM

- Read John 9:1. What was the man's problem in the story and how long did he have this problem?
- What are some other examples of people being blind that Jesus healed in the New Testament (e.g. Mark 10:46-52)?
- Jesus often talked about blindness beyond the physical. What does it mean to be spiritually blind (e.g. Matthew 13:13-17)?

THE QUESTION

- Read John 9:2. Why did some people in Jesus' day assume that physical suffering was a result of personal sin?
- What from verse 2 indicates that this man's blindness was not a result of sin?
- Can physical problems sometimes be the result of sin? If so, what are some examples?

THE PURPOSE

- Read John 9:3-5. What did Jesus say was the purpose for this man's blindness?
- Compare and discuss 9:4-5 with Ephesians 5:15-16 and Colossians 4:5.
- Why does God often choose to use our afflictions for His glory?

THE MIRACLE

- Read John 9:6-12. Why do you think Jesus chose to heal the man the way that He did?
- Why were the people having a hard believing the man who had been healed was the same man they knew as the beggar?
- How does Jesus' healing of this blind man illustrate the salvation process?
- The blind man who was healed was a trophy of God's grace, just as every person who comes to faith in Jesus. Read 1 Timothy 1:12-16 as an illustration and discuss.

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