

The Blind Can See, But the Religious Can't

John 9:1-41

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A. Why does suffering happen?

1. Because there is sin in the world, but not **specific sin**

- Exodus 4:11
- Deuteronomy 32:39
- Job 2:10
- Genesis 50:20
- John 11:4

2. The greatest good in the universe is **God's glory**

- Isaiah 43:6-7
- Psalm 19:1
- I Corinthians 10:31

B. Following Jesus Brings **adversity**

1. The parents respond with **fear**
2. The son responds with **courage**

C. The Light of the World is **blinding** to some and **illuminating** to others

Small Group Discussion Questions

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Quick Review

This Sunday, Stephen preached facing suffering in God-honouring way. What did you find interesting, encouraging or challenging from this message?

My Story

Share a time that was particularly hard when you were going through it, but in hindsight you are able to see how God was working. What did you learn during that time and what good came about?

Digging Deeper

1. Read John 9:1-7.
 - a. For what purpose was this man born blind?
 - b. In what ways was this purpose accomplished?
2. Read Hebrews 12:3-11.
 - a. According to the text, why does some suffering happen?
 - b. How is discipline good for us?
 - c. What does it mean if we do not experience discipline from God (v.8!)?

Making it Practical

1. What can we learn from these verses as far as how to respond to adversity and suffering in our lives?
2. What challenges do you face? How can the group pray for you and encourage you as you seek to endure this suffering in God-honouring way?