

Small Group Questions, October 23, 2016

Topic: Blinded by the Light

Key Passages: John 9

*Group leaders, remember, it's not necessary to ask every question. Feel free to modify this list by taking out questions that don't speak to you or adding your own questions.*

1. When confronted with a man who had suffered with blindness from birth, the apostles wanted to know who is to blame. Jesus, however, refused to assign blame, instead he gave a total different way to look at the situation. How should Jesus's perspective inform our own when we see others facing difficulties or face those difficulties ourselves?
2. When the Pharisees argue with the man born blind they said concerning Jesus, "We know that God spoke through Moses, but as for this fellow (Jesus) we don't even know where he comes from." What was it that was keeping them from knowing Jesus?
3. The man born blind became a walking talking example of God's love and mercy, yet in verse 34 the Pharisees basically say, you are evil and there's nothing good in you and then they disfellowship him. Why do some respond to God's glory that way?
4. Consider Jesus's comment in verse 39, "For judgment I have come into the world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind." Who are the blind and who are "those that see," and what causes their eventual blindness?