

God Statement: Jesus Restores

Read in your Bible: John 9

Question #1:

Why do you think the disciples assumed that the man was blind? Was it because of his sin or his parents' sin?

Question #2:

How did the pharisees react when seeing this man healed from blindness? What does their response inform us about their view of sin and sickness?

Question #3:

Why would the pharisees throw the former blind man out of the temple? What angered them to the point of rejecting him?

Question #4:

What does it mean to be spiritually blind?

Question #5:

What do we learn about the character and identity of Jesus from this passage of Scripture?

Question #6:

What does this passage of Scripture reveal to us about the state of all humanity?

Worship Response:

Oftentimes we get used to "blindness" just like the man whom Jesus healed. After some time, we assume the way we see the world and God is stagnate. However, just as Jesus restored this man's physical and spiritual sight, we also have the opportunity to have our eyes opened to see the character of God and His work in creation.

Take a few minutes and humbly come before the Lord in silence or with soft music. When you have reached a place of stillness in your heart, your mind, and your body, simply ask Jesus, "open my eyes to see Jesus in my everyday life." Once you have prayed this prayer, find a notebook or a piece of paper. At the end of each day this week, write down one way you saw Jesus at work in your life or in the life of a friend or

family member. The goal is not to be “profound.” Rather, the goal is to raise awareness of Jesus’ already present and steady activity in your life. The question is not, “is Jesus restoring?” The true question is, “am I aware of what Jesus is up to in this moment?”

Further Reading (Optional)

Take a few days and slowly read through John 10:1-18. This story takes place immediately after Jesus restores the blind man’s eyes and reveals more of His character. In fact, Jesus provides a beautiful visual so that His listeners can not only hear His words, but also visualize (opening eyes to see) His identity. Allow the words of Jesus to encourage and remind you of the restorative, protective, and good work of our Savior.