

# WORKOUT

# JOHN 9:1-41

*Believe*  
and  
**LIVE**  
THE GOSPEL OF JOHN



## Read John 9.

Ponder the biblical connections between light and spiritual sight, and darkness and spiritual blindness.

- Why is it significant that God does not just give light, but is light (1 John 1:5-7)? God is the light who shines (John 1:5), pushes back darkness (Psalm 18:28), exposes what is hidden (John 3:20), and reveals what could not be seen (Psalm 119:105). Jesus is the light of the world who reveals the Father to the world, reveals truth to those who believe, and gives spiritual sight to the blind.
- Read John 3:19-21. What is the connection between light and sight, darkness and blindness, what we do, and what we love?

What are the implications of this passage on how we process and respond to physical limitations and disabilities? What does it look like to trust the Creator as one created for His glory (9:3)?

- How does Jesus use physical (earthly) blindness to illustrate a spiritual (heavenly) reality?

Throughout this section, how does the man's response to Jesus shift as Jesus makes Himself known (start with verses 7, 11-12, 17, 25, 30-32, and 36-38)? In contrast, how do the Pharisees respond to this revelation?



## Pray Holistically

Read John 9:38 and, in response to the revelation of God, pray in belief and worship.

- Father, you are the light of the world. You have made yourself known to us through your Word and through your works. You have given us eyes to see and ears to hear, and we believe.

## Pray Personally

Read John 9:39-41 and ask the Lord to reveal to you areas where your heart is hardened to the truth. Ask Him to open your eyes to see blind spots, areas of your life where you are confident in your guiltlessness and yet are walking in a way that is contrary to His will.



Read Ephesians 5:5-14 and John 8:12. Jesus is the light of the world; therefore, walk in the light as children of light.

- **This week, consider: are you living a life that is pleasing to the Lord?** Think about how you discern and evaluate this. What makes you believe that you are guiltless, or "good" spiritually?
  - Read John 9:35-41. Jesus confronts the Pharisees on their self-perception of their spiritual condition. How do they respond to the accusation of their blindness? How do they discern their guilt? (also see John 7:45-49)
  - Consider your thoughts, actions, priorities, emotions, and speech and evaluate them through the lens of Scripture.
- Ephesians 5:11 says to take no part in unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.
  - **This week, consider: what are these works of darkness?** Read Galatians 5:16-25. Where are these works present in your life?
  - **This week, consider: how can you expose them?**
    - In your own life, confess your sin to a brother or sister (1 John 1:9). Bring specific sins and temptations into the light. Ask others to hold you accountable to put sin to death and replace sinful actions and desires (Colossians 3:3-14).
    - In another believer's life, have a conversation like Jesus did with the Pharisees in John 9:35-41. How do they assess their spiritual condition? What do you observe that is inconsistent with their profession of faith? Call them to repentance, invite them to walk in the light, and offer accountability and help.