John

Women's Bible Study 2008/09

- I. Pray: ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word
- 2. Think: the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word
- 3. Begin: using only your Bible, answer the questions without other outside sources

Lesson Fourteen—The Gospel of John Chapter 9 January 7, 2009

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Ι.	Reflect on the question asked in John 9:2. Describe what you think the blind man and his parents' emotional and spiritual state might have been prior to meeting Jesus.				
2.	a) Share a recent situation in which you judged someone's (or your own) circumstances to be a result of sin. What happened?				
	b) How has reading Jesus' answer in John 9:3–4 changed your perspective on judging and those who judge?				
3.	What do you think John 9:4b "Night is coming, when no one can work" means?				

4.	the		esus gives to the blind man in John 9:1- self, his neighbors, and Pharisees) upon	
5.	a)		nd of John 9:16 describes the Pharisees John 7:43 and 10:19 for help).	overall response to hearing about
	b)	Why do you <u>think</u> they re	eacted this way?	
6.	a)		lys the parents and the healed man ans	I
		Parents	Healed man initially	Healed man 2nd time
	b)	Do you think these ways	of answering were appropriate? Why	or why not?

	c) Share your reaction when you had a confrontation with an intimidating authority in your life.
	d) Prayerfully consider how God might lead you to change your reaction. If you feel led, share your commitment with your group so that they may support you in prayer.
7.	Write an unchanging truth about judgment that you learned from the healed blind man's answer in John 9:25.
8.	How do you think being thrown out of the synagogue would affect a Jewish person's life?
9.	a) What did Jesus do after he hears that the healed man had been thrown out of the synagogue?
	b) What is the healed man's response in John 9:38?
	c) Read Luke 6:22–23. Why do you think Jesus offered more than healing to this particular man?

10.	Describe the different spiritual and emotional changes you think the healed man experiences throughout all of John 9, culminating in John 9:38.
11.	What is the difference between the blindness spoken of in John 9:1–3 versus John 9:41?
	oing deeper: Think about several instances when you were "blind" to specific truths but now you "see." a) Share some of these truths with your group.
	b) Who do you credit for these unveilings? Spend some time in praise.
13.	How do you dream God's work might be displayed in your life? If nothing specific comes to mind right away, consider asking the women at your table to pray for inspiration from the Lord at prayer time.