

LESSON 11 RABBI

JOHN 9

- 1. What was your takeaway from last week's study in **John 8**, or Jesus who is the **Light of the World**, and how has it impacted you this week?
- 2. As you read **John 9**, pray that you would see Jesus as **Rabbi** (Teacher). Jesus taught with authority by word and by deed. Who has been an influential teacher in your life and what made him or her such a great teacher?
- 3. The disciples and others called Jesus "**Rabbi**". What do you learn from the following verses about Jesus as Rabbi/Teacher or about how He taught?
 - Matthew 7:28
 - Mark 6:34
 - Luke 5:17
 - John 7:14-18

- 4. In John 9:1-3, the disciples question Jesus about who sinned to make the man blind, the man or his parents.
 - a) What are the incorrect assumptions underlying their question and what was Jesus' response?
 - b) Who do you know who has experienced their own or another's illness or suffering and would find comfort in Jesus' teaching in **V3** and where do you see the work of God displayed in that person's life?
- 5. Review John 4:46-53 and John 5:3-9 and compare with the healing in John 9. Why do you think Jesus used different means to accomplish each healing? Read Mark 5:25-34 and Luke 13:10-13 for other extraordinary healings.
- 6. Once again, Jesus' words and deeds evoke different reactions. In these selected verses from **John 9**, discuss how the following people characterize Jesus and their reaction to this healing.

V11

V17b

V25-27

V30-33

V35-38

[•] The Man Born Blind

• The Pharisees

V16,24

V28-29

• The Blind Man's Parents

V18-23

- 7. In **V35-38**, Jesus invites the now healed man to believe in Him and the man responds, *"Lord, I believe.*" What did you initially believe about who Jesus is and how do you see Him now?
- 8. In your own words, explain Jesus' teaching about spiritual blindness and sight from V39 41. Include what this means to you.

9. REFLECTING ON HIS NAME: RABBI

As you reflect on the name of Jesus as **Rabbi**, spend some time meditating on **Job 36:22, "God is exalted in His power. Who is a teacher like Him?"** Write a prayer about what Jesus is teaching you through His power on display in your life.

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PRAYER REQUEST