

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
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Fulfilled – John 9:1-12

1. What was Jesus doing at the beginning of this passage when he saw the man who was blind from birth, according to 9:1?
 - a. Teaching.
 - b. Healing.
 - c. Going along.
 - d. He was with people.

2. What did his disciples ask him? _____

3. This seems like an odd question. Why would they have asked him this?
 - a. The natural question when any of us encounters suffering is “why?”
 - b. It was common in that day for people to believe that all suffering was a direct result of personal sin.
 - c. Since this man was born blind, it was difficult to understand how he could have sinned personally to cause this, so they were trying to put the blame on his parents.

4. How did Jesus answer? _____

5. Did Jesus really mean to say that this man and his parents were without sin?
Yes _____ No _____ Explain. _____

6. Did Jesus intend to say that God caused this man to be blind?
 - a. Yes, that is why we shouldn't believe in God.
 - b. No. Sin (not God) is always the cause of suffering. It's just not always the sin of the individual who is suffering or his family. Sometimes there is no easy answer to why bad things happen to us other than there is sin in the world.
 - c. No, but he was demonstrating Romans 8:28 by showing that God can use even bad things to work for the good of His people.
 - d. No, but Jesus was trying to get his people to focus on how God was working in the situation rather than why it happened.

7. What did Jesus do (and how was God displayed in him)? _____

8. In what areas in your life might you need to look for how God is working (or going to work) rather than asking why? _____

9. What happened when the man returned home, according to verses 8-12?
 - a. People recognized him from when he used to beg.
 - b. People thought he was a different person who only looked like the man who used to beg.
 - c. People had trouble believing that a man who had been blind his whole life could be healed.
 - d. People wanted to find Jesus, the man who healed this man.

10. How do people feel about your testimony? _____