

Children of God

Introduction

In John chapter 9 we read of Jesus' encounter with a man born blind. The healing of the man and the subsequent interactions between the man and the Pharisees and the man and Jesus, once again bear witness to who Jesus is – the Light of the world who has come into the world to make God known. But these interactions also highlight the problem of human unbelief and the need for an opening of *spiritual eyes* if anyone is to see the truth about Jesus. Fundamental to receiving this spiritual insight is the need to recognize one's own 'blindness', the very thing that the Pharisees are both unable and unwilling to do.

Study Questions

These questions help you to see clearly what the text is saying. This is a vital first step towards understanding what the section means. The questions should be answered from the text itself.

Read John 9vs1-41. Answer the following questions:

1. In John 9vs1-2 the disciples ask Jesus a question. What, in your opinion, are they actually asking?
2. What should the disciples be focussing on? (John 9vs3)
3. How should the time of Jesus' presence in the world be seen by his disciples? Why is this? (John 9vs4-5)

4. In what way does Jesus support His claim to be 'the light of the world'? (John 9vs6-7)

5. What reaction does the healing of the blind man produce from the onlookers?

6. How do the Pharisees react? Why?

7. What is the fundamental problem that the Pharisees face? (John 9vs40-41)

8. What does the healed man say and do when Jesus speaks to him again?

Think it Through

1. In what way does the teaching of this chapter contribute to our understanding of who Jesus is and how people ought to respond to Him?

2. What light does this chapter cast on people's rejection of the gospel message?