

Weekly Study Guide

The week of February 10, 2013

Daily Readings

Monday	John 9:1-5	Tuesday	John 9:3-12	Wednesday	John 9: 13-23
Thursday	John 9: 24-34	Friday	John 9: 35-41	Saturday	Proverbs 3:5-6

My notes on this week's readings...

Next Week in Worship

Next week's message: *Where the Way of Jesus and the World Collide*

Next week's readings: Matthew 17:14-28

When Jesus reveals his plan to Peter that he will be heading to the cross, Peter's reaction is to try to change his plan! The kingdom Jesus is building for us is very different than the kingdom Peter has in mind. This collision between the world's view of success and God's becomes a hard road of discipleship.



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Group Discussion

Connect	<p>Has there ever been a situation in life where you were looking for something in plain sight and you couldn't see it? What kept you from seeing?</p>
Learn	<p>Read John 9:1-7. What did the disciples assume about the reason for this man's blindness? What does Jesus' answer say to you?</p> <p>Read Luke 13:1-5. Similar assumptions are being made here about bad things that happen in the world. What do Jesus' words say to you in this situation? How is this similar to Jesus' words about the blind man?</p> <p>The man who was born blind is healed by Jesus, and gradually comes to realize what this means for him as he tells his story over and over again.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have you ever had a situation that became more real for you the more you told the story?• Why do you think it is important for us as disciples to tell the story of our faith journey to each other? <p>Read the rest of the story from John 9 aloud together. What strikes you about the character of the Blind man? What strikes you about the Pharisees?</p> <p>Jesus calls the Pharisees 'blind.' What are they unable to see? Why do you think they are unable to see it?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What keeps us from seeing what Jesus is doing in our lives today?• In what ways are we like the formerly Blind man in our discipleship? <p>Read Isaiah 42:16. Assuming we are all 'blind' sometimes, what does this tell you?</p>
Apply	<p>Look up Proverbs 3:5-6 and write it down on a card. This week, as you have questions in faith, apply this verse! Trust, acknowledge God the Father in all you do, see what he will do.</p>
Pray	<p>Pray for those who struggle with actual physical blindness, that God will give them strength to persevere and connect. Pray for those who are spiritually blinded to the truth, that the Holy Spirit may draw them to see.</p>