

Discussion questions – January 25 - John 9:18-41 - Welcome everyone and especially any guests...

1. **IF WE ARE PEOPLE OF THE BOOK AND IF WE ARE TRULY GROWING IN OUR DESIRE TO KNOW GOD -**
How has God's Word impacted your life this week?
2. How is everyone doing this week? Any new challenges? How have they seen God at work? (make this a regular feature, nothing encourages like reports of what God is doing in our lives.)
3. Any follow up or carry over from our last lesson?
4. **What one point resonated with you from the lesson this morning? What stands out the most to you from this lesson?**

5. **What does this story tell us about the relationship between sin and suffering? What does it tell us about the sovereignty of God over disabilities like blindness?**
6. **Why do the Pharisees object to this miracle according to vs. 16, 22, 24, 29? Jesus lays claim to being the Lord of the Sabbath. The “laws” that Jesus violated were man made rules. Are there traditions and man-made rules that we hold to or elevate above God’s Word?**
7. **Trace this man’s understanding of Jesus’ identity from verses 11, 17, 31 and 33. What strikes you about how he now answers the Pharisee’s unreasonable objections in vs. 30-33? Is anyone’s testimony similar to this man? Can you look back and see a progression in your understanding of who Jesus is?**
8. **For what two reasons did Jesus seek out the healed man the second time?**
9. **How can the fear of man, the fear of what others think or the fear of what they may do, affect what we do or say? What is your reaction when you read the response of the parents of the man born blind? What does fear of man look like in your life? Can you think of a time when you were overtaken by the fear of others? How do we overcome the fear of man? (the man healed is a great example)**
10. **Self-righteousness is one of the greatest hindrances to believing the gospel and a great hindrance to growing in our walk with God? How do we see it for what it is and how do we overcome it?**
11. **With whom do you identify most in this story: the blind man who is healed, his parents, or the Pharisees? Why did you answer as you did?**

What we take away... How thankful we can be that we have a loving, pursuing, seeking God!
The only appropriate response is to worship.