

RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION –
John 9:1-41

Read 9:1-12

1. When are you inclined to ponder God's plans and purposes in the world?
2. The disciples drew a tight connection between blindness and sin. Where are they right? Where are they wrong?
3. Read Isaiah 29:18; 35:5; 42:7. Jesus healing of the blind man is a sign, but what does it point towards? What does v4 tell us about this healing and Jesus mission?

Read 9:13-23

4. Why did 'they' bring the man who had been blind to the Pharisees?
5. In v16 we read that the Pharisees were divided. What was the issue that divided them?
6. Why do the Pharisees send for the man's parents? What testimony can they add? What does their evidence confirm?

Read 9:24-34

7. What do you do when there is a significant miracle that won't go away!! They call the man who had been blind back again to give evidence – what do you think they were looking for?
8. V24 'We know this man (Jesus) is a sinner'. How do they know? By contrast, what does the blind man know?
9. Think of your life as a Christian. Where can you say I was _____ but now I _____? What is powerful about personal testimony? Do you feel comfortable / confident about speaking of the difference Jesus makes in your own life? Why / why not?
10. Read v26-27a. What has the man revealed about the Pharisees?
11. Why would the disciples prefer to remain 'disciples of Moses'? What have they missed? (read John 5:37-40; 45-47)
12. V 29 - 'as for this fellow, we don't even know where he comes from'. Jesus has come from Nazareth, but ultimately where has he come from? (5:36; 6:57; 8:16, 18, 42; 12:49; 13:3; 16:28; 17:5. 21, 24). What is the terrible irony in the Pharisee's complaint? What does it reveal?

Read 9:35 - 41

13. Jesus has come into the world to save people, the light of salvation. Yet the religious leaders reject the light – they refuse to see and so are blind. How are v35-41 like Proverbs 26:12?