

# 100 days with Jesus

Group Study No: 16

John 9:1-12

## Introduction

Blindness was a much bigger problem in Jesus' time than it is today. The poor living conditions, lack of sanitation and masses of venomous insects made it a common illness which usually resulted in people becoming beggars. Of all the healing miracles that Jesus performed, there are three stories of blind people that really stand out.

The first is the man of Bethsaida, who when touched by Jesus initially saw people looking like trees, and then on the second touch saw them as people. Bartimaeus was a blind beggar in Jericho. When Jesus healed him, he became one of his followers on the way.

Here, in this third story, we meet a man who had been blind from birth.

## Discussion

1. Have you ever known anyone who was blind? What did you learn from them?
2. v2 raises the important issue of sin. Do you think God punishes us because of our sins?
3. v6-7 is very strange. A big part of being a follower of Jesus is obeying what Jesus tells you to do. Have you ever been aware of Jesus asking you to do something unusual, that you wouldn't automatically choose to do?
4. In v10-12 the man acts as an evangelist. He doesn't understand everything; he just tells people what he knows. Do you think that you could be a witness by simply saying what you know or sharing what you have experienced?
5. In this story, the man is suffering physical blindness, but some of his neighbours are suffering spiritual blindness. How can we help people with spiritual blindness to see?

6. John Newton wrote those famous words, "I was blind but now I see." How can you relate to this? What has your experience been?

## Prayer

Lord Jesus,  
There are things I just cannot see,  
Words I cannot hear.  
I am blind and deaf  
In ways I cannot grasp.  
Reach out and touch me,  
And give me a true vision.  
Amen.