

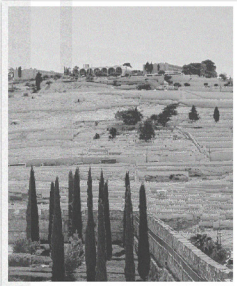


that you may

# BELIEVE

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Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.



## “PHYSICAL BLINDNESS / SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS” discussion questions

1. If you were to lose your sight, what’s one thing you would miss the most? How would you handle that prospect?
2. What things stood out to you in John 9 regarding the story of Jesus healing the blind man?
3. When you consider all your problems and trials, how has God used them to demonstrate his power and glory?
4. Fill in the blanks with your own salvation testimony: “I was \_\_\_\_\_, but now \_\_\_\_\_.” Practice in pairs sharing a 15-second testimony beginning with the phrase, “You know, there was a time in my life when...”
5. Consider all of the characters in the John 9 story. How did Jesus test the hearts of each of them?
6. Have you ever experienced any degree of ridicule or loss because of your identification with Jesus? How did you take it? How did the disciples respond to it? (See Acts 5:41)

**Challenge:** There are many in our world who would like Christians to be quiet about Jesus, just like the Pharisees wanted people to be quiet about Jesus in the first century. Resolve to be a Christian who is willing to take a stand for the truth of Jesus even when it may cost you your reputation or standing in the community.

**Action:** I will seek to take a stand for Jesus this week and share my testimony with at least one person who needs to know that Jesus can change lives. I will allow my story to be used by God to impact lives and build his kingdom. Pray for each other as you commit to stand for Jesus this week.

### The Book of John

The Word Became Flesh

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.<sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God.<sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, yet the world did not know him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.<sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men.<sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him.<sup>7</sup> He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

<sup>8</sup> The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.<sup>9</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.<sup>10</sup> He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.<sup>11</sup> But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,<sup>12</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>13</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.<sup>14</sup> (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’)”) <sup>15</sup> For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.<sup>16</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.<sup>17</sup> No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

