

HEALING THE MAN BORN BLIND

Scripture: John 9

Materials Needed:
Blindfold

Objectives: As a result of this lesson, I want my students

To Know—When Jesus made clay and told the man who was assumed to be a sinner because he was blind from birth to go wash, not only did the man regain his sight, he also **saw clearly** that Jesus had to be the Christ sent from God, and he worshipped him.

Although the Pharisees confirmed the amazing miracle and believed it to be from God, they **were blinded** to who Jesus was, where he was from, and their own sinful neediness for the Light of the World.

To Realize—Only God can open one’s eyes to the reality of who Jesus is and their true sinful need of Him.

To Respond by—not hardening themselves against the truth (light) God reveals to them, but confessing Him as the Christ.

Setting up the Story:

Show clip from Les Miserables movie: chief of police is telling the mayor that he must be punished: committed the crime of defaming him and he must pay for it. The mayor gives him grace.

Story about the man who lives his life by the Law, and treats others by the Law as well, and the mayor who was shown grace by a priest and whose life is changed. A woman who has a child out of wedlock later becomes a prostitute in order to get enough money for her child to be cared for.

Similar to the characters in today’s lesson:

Scripture
9:1-12

Telling the story:

- I. Jesus Heals the Blind Man
 - A. Disciples see a man born blind
 1. “Who sinned? This man or his parents?”
 2. Neither. This is for God’s glory.
 - B. Jesus identifies himself: “Light of the World”
 - C. Jesus Opens Eyes
 1. Spits on

As you tell the story:

What did the disciples SEE? A sinner. Why? Because he was blind from birth.

- ground and makes clay.
- 2. Tells the man to wash in pool of Siloam

- D. Man went, washed, and came back seeing
 - 1. Neighbors confused
 - 2. Man said it was Jesus.
 - 3. Doesn't know where Jesus is.

9:13-23

- II. The Phari-don't-sees Refuse to See
 - A. Ask blind man how he was healed.
 - 1. Man says it was Jesus.
 - 2. Pharisees tell him Jesus is not from God and is a sinner b/c he doesn't keep the Sabbath.
 - 3. Others say Jesus has to be from God
 - 4. Blind man says he is a prophet.
 - B. Pharisees confirm he had been blind.
 - 1. Call parents
 - 2. Threatened to be excomm.

What did the Pharisees SEE?
 "This man is not from God."=sinner. Why? He doesn't keep the Sabbath.

- III. The Blind Man Sees Who | What did the Pharisees SEE?

