**Discussion Questions: Lesson 19 John 9:1-41**

1. What is the ultimate cause of all suffering/disease? **People’s sins against God**
2. What is the immediate cause of suffering/disease? **People’s sins against God**
3. Does suffering/disease come because of our sin? **Sometimes**
4. Can you think of anyone in the Bible who suffered a disease because of their sin? **Abimelech, one of Gideon's many sons, Athaliah is called in the Bible "that wicked woman", Haman was an Amalekite, tired to kill all the Jews,  Jezebel was the notorious and devilish wife of Israel's King Ahab**
5. Why was this man born blind? Is this a “fair” reason? **So Jesus could show Gods powers by healing him, In Gods eyes it was**
6. How can this help us to answer questions when people ask “why do bad things happen in the world” or “why do good people suffer”? How would you answer these questions?
7. What is the “night that is coming” in verse 4? **John 16:33 These things I have spoken to you so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.”**
8. Since Jesus is not in the world physically any longer does that mean His light is not either? **No, his light shines through us**

1. Why do you think Jesus used the clay and spittle to heal the man instead of simply saying “you are healed”? **To lead people to God though questions about how.**

1. What does the crowd’s reactions show about people’s willingness to believe in miracles? **They did not believe in God yet**

1. Do you think it is a coincidence that many of Jesus’ recorded miracles occurred on the Sabbath day? **No, Jesus answered that for the Phrases, losing a donkey and going to find it**

1. Why were the man’s parents afraid to take a stand? **They were afraid of the being put out of the synagogue**

1. Are you sometimes afraid to take a stand? Why? **Yes, sometimes I don’t know enough about what is going on, other times I don’t want to look foolish for my views**

1. What is ironic about verse 24? What does this reveal about the Pharisees’ hearts? **They wanted to give glory to God but not to Jesus, They had hardened theirs hearts against Jesus**

1. Talk about the man’s response. Why is this a great response? What can we learn from this about how to debate/respond to unbelievers and critics? **It doesn’t address the sin part but still gives a miracle of sight, Sometimes it just needs to be the facts told and not anything else**
2. Have any of you doctors ever heard about a person born blind who was healed? **Not in this way, but in others yes, modern surgery**

1. What is the problem with the Pharisees’ attitude that made it impossible for them to learn from others? **They would not believe in Christ, and said so, we are disciples of Moses**

1. What kind of attitude should we have so that we can learn from others? **Listen first, then think on what is told to you before making decisions**

1. What does Jesus means in verse 39 that he came into the world for judgment? Didn’t we read earlier that he didn’t come into the world for judgment? **He came into the world not to judge but to save the world through Him, He is not judging, they are judging him**
2. What does Jesus mean in verse 41? **Since they did not see themselves as sinners, they were not able to see who Jesus really was, and could not see God through Him**