

Trinity Church, Sarnia
Lenten Bible Study – 2021

7 Signs of God's Love

With Canon Vicars Hodge

Week #6 . John 9:1-7. Jesus heals a man born blind.

Questions¹:

Open:

- What one day in your life qualifies for the “roller coaster” award (most high’s and lows in 24 hours)?

Dig

1. In the course of this investigation what is the man able to see about Jesus? (vv.12, 17, 25, 27, 30-33, also 36, 38). About the pharisees? How is his attitude changing as well?
2. In contrast to the man’s growing spiritual insight, how are the Pharisees progressing?
3. See v.35. Why does Jesus wait until now to fully disclose himself as the Son of Man? How is the man, only now, able to affirm Jesus as Lord?
4. How has this chapter illustrated v.39?
5. The passage we have been studying continues straight into chapter 10. Jesus says “*I am the Good Shepherd*” (10:11,14) who cares for the sheep. How is Jesus the Good Shepherd to the man born blind

6. Jesus says that those who came before him are thieves and robbers (10:8). ? Who do you think are the thieves and robbers in the parable?

Reflect

1. What physical or emotional handicap (learning disability, failed relationship, chronic illness) has turned into an opportunity for God to demonstrate his power in your life?
2. What have you found helpful in dealing with people who ridicule your faith?

Group Norms to enhance our experience

- **Try to make attendance a priority..**
- **Try to stay “on topic.”** Stick to the passage being studied. Seek to find the answers in the text.
- **Everyone participates and no one dominates.** We are sometimes so eager to share what we have learned that we don’t leave room for others. By all means participate – but leave space for others.
- **Be sensitive to the other members of the Group.** We respect each other and can all learn from each other. There are no ‘dumb’ questions.
- **Support for one another is part of our life** as followers of Jesus.
- **Confidentiality matters:** When someone shares something of private nature, that stays in the group. We tell our own stories, if we want – not other people’s.

¹ With a “hat’s off” to the Serendipity Bible for some of these questions.

Suggestions for getting the most out of a LIFE² Group

Everyone

- Try to read the passage we will study in advance of our meeting.
- Bring an attitude of expectancy – God wants to open his Word for you and me.... Come expecting to receive some good word.
- Stay in touch with each other during the week, where appropriate.

People who want more....

- Pre-read the questions and think about them a bit.
- Read the Gospel of John in the next week or two. Recommended translations: (ESV, NRSV, NASB, NIV, TPT)
- Each week, after the study, re-read the passage & questions– to reinforce what you have learned.

The Keeners – looking for an A+

- Read John through in a second, different translation like “The Message” (MSG), New Living Translation (NLT), JB Phillips or “The Good News”
- Make a list of questions you would like answered and send them to trinity@trinitysarnia.org

² LIFE: Learning, Insight, Friends, Encouragement: these are our four objectives.