

Answer Key:

Jesus came....

- freedom / trapped
- forgiveness / guilty
- future / hopeless

Four things that need to happen in our lives...

1. thinking
2. help

Two Warnings...

- method / miracle
- participation / power

3. Look / see

Two kinds of People...

- fan
- douse

4. Save

How to trust God?

- humility
- enlightenment
- commitment

Walking with Jesus

Part 3

"I can see clearly now..."

John 9:1-41 NLT

"He answered, "I don't know if he is a sinner. One thing I do know: I was blind, and now I see."

Introductory Statement

Over the last two weeks we have been looking together the places Jesus went. We found out that although Jesus was the best teacher that ever walked this earth the main thing that He came to do was not to teach. Although Jesus did some incredible miracles – some very incredible miracles He did not center what He came to do around those miracles that He completed. Jesus Christ came first and foremost to change peoples' lives.

Jesus came....

- He came to give _____ to people who felt _____.
- He comes to give _____ to those of us who feel _____.
- He comes to give a _____ to those of us who feel _____.

John 9:1-12 NCV

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been born blind. ² His followers asked him, "Teacher, whose sin caused this man to be born blind—his own sin or his parents' sin?" ³ Jesus answered, "It is not this man's sin or his parents' sin that made him blind. This man was born blind so that God's power could be shown in him. ⁴ While it is daytime, we must continue doing the work of the One who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶ After Jesus said this, he spit on the ground and made some mud with it and put the mud on the man's eyes. ⁷ Then he told the man, "Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam." (Siloam means Sent.) So the man went, washed, and came back seeing. ⁸ The neighbors and some people who had earlier seen this man begging said, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹ Some said, "He is the one," but others said, "No, he only looks like him." The man himself said, "I am the man." ¹⁰ They asked, "How did you get your sight?" ¹¹ He answered, "The man named Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. Then he told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see." ¹² They asked him, "Where is this man?" "I don't know," he answered.

Four things that need to happen in our lives.

1. Break through either / or _____.

John 9:2 NCV

"His followers asked him, "Teacher, whose sin caused this man to be born blind—his own sin or his parents' sin?"

John 9:3 Message

"Jesus said, 'You're asking the wrong question. You're looking for someone to blame. There is no such cause-effect here. Look instead for what God can do.'"

Four things that need to happen in our lives.

2. Ask Jesus to _____ you.

John 9:7 NCV

"Then he told the man, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam.' (Siloam means Sent.) So the man went, washed, and came back seeing."

Psalm 70:5 Living Bible

"I am in deep trouble. Rush to my aid, for only you can help and save me. O Lord, don't delay."

Two Warnings...

- Do not confuse the _____ with the _____!
- Do not mistake your _____ for God's _____!

Four things that need to happen in our lives.

3. _____ past what others cannot _____.

John 9:9 NCV

"Some said, 'He is the one,' but others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'"

John 9:18 NLT

"The Jewish leaders wouldn't believe he had been blind..."

John 9:25 NIV

"One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"

Two kinds of People...

- When the first flames of faith begin to flicker there are some who will gently _____ those flames so they will begin to ignite and grow larger and larger.
- But then there are a lot of others out there who have a big bucket of cold water ready to _____ those flames.

Four things that need to happen in our lives.

4. Trust Jesus to _____ you.

John 9:38 - 39 Living Bible

"Yes, Lord," the man said, "I believe!" And he worshiped Jesus."

"Then Jesus told him, 'I have come into the world to give sight to those who are spiritually blind...'"

John 12:46 NLT

"I have come as a light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in me will no longer remain in the darkness."

How to trust God?

- You need first of all _____.
- I need _____.
- We must make a _____.