

# Leviton 1451

## The Gospel of John chapter 9

Disciples are made as a work of God that replaces unbelief with faith,  
spiritual blindness with spiritual sight, and guilt with forgiveness.

The church can make disciples by answering questions like:

1. What would it mean to be blind in 1st century Jerusalem and have your sight restored ?
2. How is this a physical picture of a spiritual truth?
3. Why would the disciples ask “whose sin was responsible?”
4. What does Jesus mean by “the works of God?”
5. Why would someone be born with this handicap - so that the works of God might be displayed in Him?
6. How does this relate to my life as a follower of Jesus?

Jesus' words to the Apostle Paul on the Damascus Road in Acts 26:16-18

I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness to the things in which you  
have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you,  
delivering you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you  
to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that  
they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'

*Trials should not surprise us, or cause us to doubt God's faithfulness. Rather,  
we should actually be glad for them. God sends trials to strengthen our trust  
in him so that our faith will not fail. Our trials keep us trusting; they burn  
away our self confidence and drive us to our Savior.*

~Edmund Clowney~

1917 – 2005, American theologian, educator, and Presbyterian minister.