

## **JOHN 9:35-41 – Discussion Guide** **Jesus: Seeing & Believing**

What is your response to the following two sayings?

- “There is none so blind, as he who will not see.”
- “Unbelief can be very irrational.”

In order to better appreciate the Bible verses that we are focusing upon today, read or review **John 9:1-34** and summarize what has taken place.

Read **John 9:35-41** to get an overview of what took place next.

According to **John 9:35**, what does Jesus do and what question does Jesus ask the man whom He had healed? Why is this question important? What does the fact that Jesus even asks this question reveal about the role that the man’s “faith” or “belief” in Jesus played in his being given sight by Jesus?

What title does Jesus use to refer to Himself? This title is one that some Jews at the time associated with the promised Messiah and is a title found in **Daniel 7:13-14**. Notice these other occasions when Jesus used this title in reference to Himself:

- **John 3:13-15 –**
- **John 6:27 –**
- **John 12:23, 32-36 & John 13:31 –**

What is the healed man’s response to Jesus as recorded in **John 9:36**?

Compare what Jesus says to the healed man in **John 9:37** with what Jesus said to the Samaritan woman in **John 4:25-26**. What are the differences and similarities? What is the main truth that Jesus was communicating?

What does the healed man say and do according to **John 9:38**?

- Notice the progress in what this man says about Jesus in **John 9:11, 9:7, 9:33**, & here in **John 9:38**.

What Jesus is recorded as saying next in **John 9:39** seems to be for the benefit of the Pharisees who are listening in to the conversation Jesus was having with the formerly blind man.

- To better understand what Jesus says about “judgment” in this verse, compare it with what John recorded in **John 3:17-20**.
- Note: Some have pointed out, the *reason* for Jesus’ coming was for salvation but the *result* for those who refuse to believe in Jesus is judgment.

The Pharisees, who have heard what Jesus said, suspect He is talking about them. How do they respond according to **John 9:40**?

What is Jesus’ response to their question (**John 9:41**)? How might what we read in **Matthew 9:9-12** help us to better understand what Jesus was communicating here in **John 9:41**?

In conclusion, read about the exchange Jesus had with Thomas in **John 20:26-29**. What was it that helped Thomas to believe? What does Jesus say about those who believe without seeing? While we cannot expect to see Jesus with our physical eyes, we can still believe the truth about Jesus. In fact, according to **John 20:30-31**, this is why John tells us he included the accounts that we find in his gospel! What do you believe about Jesus? Are you among the “blessed”, the “fortunate”?