



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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John 9:13-23 Study Hints for Discussion

Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further

are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The [Class Preparation Guide](#) includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class; then, they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible lesson. And/Or, consider giving each student the [Verse-by-Verse Scripture Handout](#), which includes the Bible verses to be studied before class and other questions.

1. What was the problem with Jesus healing someone on the Sabbath?

There was nothing wrong with healing on the Sabbath. Jesus was doing the work of His Father. But the scribes and Pharisees had added so many man-made rules and traditions to the Law of God that they made it almost impossible for anyone to do good on the Sabbath without also breaking one of their traditions or rules.

2. How did the man born blind describe His healing?

Jesus put mud on his eyes, he washed, and then he could see.

3. In what way were people divided after Jesus healed the man born blind?

Some said Jesus could not be from God because He did not observe the Sabbath (according to their traditions). Some said that He could not be a sinner and perform such signs as healing the man born blind.

4. When asked, what did the man born blind say about Jesus? Why did this take courage?

The man said Jesus is a prophet. The man knew he could be put out of the synagogue for telling the truth and saying good things about Jesus.

5. When questioned, why were the parents of the man Jesus healed afraid?

They knew that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be excommunicated or put out of the synagogue. They were afraid they would be put out of the synagogue.

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