John 9:35-41 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 does it mean when Jesus calls himself the Son of God?

He came from God the Father. He is the Word of God made flesh. He is the only begotten Son of God. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit. He reveals God the Father perfectly. He always pleases God. He always and only does the will of God the Father. He is to be worshiped and believed in. He glorifies the Father and the Father glorifies Him. He gives eternal life to those who receive Him (and many other truths).

2. What does it mean when Jesus calls himself the Son of Man?

He means He is the long-awaited Messiah as promised in the Old Testament. He is a human being, born of the Virgin Mary and conceived by the Holy Spirit.

3. What did you learn about Jesus when you read that He went to find the man after He learned that he had been driven out of the synagogue?

Jesus will not forsake us. He will not leave us as orphans. He will teach us more about himself as we seek to honor Him as Lord and worship Him.

4. Do you think the man responded rightly to Jesus when Jesus told him who He is? Give a reason for your answer.

Yes. Jesus is the truth for people to believe and believe in. Jesus is the Son of God and not an angel or simply a man, so He should be worshiped.

5. Why did Jesus say the sins of the Pharisees remained?

They rejected Him as the Savior of the world despite all the evidence they had from Jesus himself and from the man born blind that Jesus healed, and they said they could see spiritually when they were actually blind; therefore, their sin remained. They would need to recognize their sins, turn from their sins (repent) and believe in and receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior for Jesus to forgive them and take away their sins (cleanse them from sin).

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