**100 Days with Jesus**

**Study No. 16 John 9:1-12**

**Introduction**

Blindness was a much bigger problem in Jesus’ time than it is today. Poor living conditions, lack of sanitation and masses of venomous insects made it a common illness which usually resulted in people becoming beggars. Of all the healing miracles there are three of blind people having their sight restored that stand out. The man of Bethsaida who when first touched by Jesus saw people looking like trees and then on the second touch saw them as people. Bartimaeus was a blind beggar in Jericho; when Jesus healed him he became one of his followers on the way. Here, in this third story, we meet a man blind from birth.

**Questions**

Read John 9:1-12

1. Have you ever known anyone who was blind? What did you learn from them?
2. 9:2 raises the important issue of sin. Do you think God punishes us because of our sins?
3. 9:6-7 is very strange. A big part of being a follower of Jesus is obeying what Jesus tells you to do. Have you ever been aware of Jesus asking you to do something that you wouldn’t automatically choose to do?
4. In 9:10-12 the man acts as an evangelist. He doesn’t understand everything, rather he simply says what he knows. Do you think you could be a witness simply saying what you know and sharing what you have experienced? How easy or hard would you find that?
5. In this passage the man is suffering from physical blindness and some of his neighbours are suffering from spiritual blindness. How can we help people with spiritual blindness to see?
   1. What are your spiritual blind-spots?
6. John Newton wrote those famous words, ‘I once was blind, but now I see’. Has that been your experience?

**Key question to finish: Who is God and how do we respond?**

**Prayer**

Lord Jesus

There are things I just cannot see

Words I cannot hear

I am blind and deaf

In ways I cannot grasp.

Reach out and touch me

And give me a true vision.

Amen

**Leaders Notes**

2. Suffering is not usually a punishment sent by God because of our sin. However, sometime our sins automatically lead to suffering. E.g. if I get drunk I am more likely to fall over and injury myself.