



# The Gospel of John Study

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## Week 7

### Day 1:

**Read: John 9:1-12**

1. The disciples ask the question, “who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” It was assumed in Jewish culture that if someone was suffering, it was due to their sin or the sin of others. That is not always true, however. When you go through suffering, who do you believe is responsible? What role does God play in your suffering?
2. Jesus reveals that his suffering was allowed by God in order to be used by God. Read the following verses:
  - a. Romans 6:1-4
  - b. James 1:2-4
  - c. James 1:12-15
  - d. Romans 8:28
3. Summarize each verse in your own words.
  - a. What is our responsibility when it comes to sin and suffering?
  - b. What role does God play in our suffering?
4. In what ways are you taking responsibility for your sin? What needs to change about your approach to sin and suffering in your life?
5. How do you need to grow in your trust of God?

### Day 2:

**Read: John 9:13-23**

1. Why didn't the Pharisees want to believe that Christ healed the blind man? Why do you think they put their focus on Christ breaking the law of the Sabbath?
  - a. How would their argument affect the belief of the people?
  - b. Do you ever find yourself focusing on details of the law and sin and miss the point of grace?
2. What can we learn from the blind man about true faith?
  - ⊗ What was the blind man's perspective on Jesus? Why?
  - ⇒ How can our testimony of faith be effective in the skeptical world that we live in?



### Day 3:

**Read: John 9:24-41**

1. On what premise were the Jews trying to prove Jesus as a sinner? Why did they want to prove that Jesus was a sinner so badly?
- ⊗ How does the blind man prove that Jesus was not a sinner, but the Son of God?
  - ⊗ What can we learn from the blind man about treasuring Jesus?
1. How can our sin blind us from the truth of the gospel? Are there things in your life now that you treasure above Jesus?
  - a. How are you going to repent of those things this week so Jesus can be your only treasure?

### Day 4:

**Read: John 10:1-11**

1. What are some false beliefs in our world about salvation? (Ex. "If I am a good person, I will go to heaven.")
  - a. Which of these false beliefs are you tempted to follow or have followed in the past?
2. How do we know the "voice of the Good Shepherd" and not get caught up in false doctrines?
  - a. How have you experienced a more "abundant life" by following Jesus?
  - b. How does following Christ protect you?  
⇒ How can you lead others to the Good Shepherd?

### Day 5:

**John 10: 11-21**

1. What type of shepherd is Jesus? Does He pursue us or do we have to seek Him out?
2. How can we know that Jesus is able to be trusted with our whole lives?
  - a. On whose authority did Jesus lay down His life?
    - i. How does knowing that Jesus paid for our sins on His own authority give us confidence in His leading?
  - b. How are you following the voice of your Shepherd in your day-to-day life now?



## Day 6:

### *The Bridge Diagram:*

This week we have seen a couple of examples in Scripture of how Jesus revealed Himself to people and explained Himself to them as our Savior. Today, I want you to learn a new tool to share the good news of the gospel with others.

This diagram shows how we are to bridge the gap between us and God. Jesus pays the penalty for our sin and creates a bridge for sinful man to come back into a relationship with a Holy God! Study the verses today and be prepared to discuss them with your discipler at your next meeting.

