

KNOWING REAL LOVE

The Light of the World John 9:1–41

“One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!” John 9:25

1. Read John 9 (if possible, read straight through from start to finish). As you read, list words or phrases that are repeated, then write a short sentence that summarizes the theme of the chapter.

2. Early in the chapter, Jesus says that he is the “light of the world” (vs. 5, also John 8:12). In the left column of the chart below, pick one group of people in John 9 who are exposed to the Light. In the right column, describe their reaction to the Light.

Who is exposed to the Light?	What is their reaction to the Light?

3. Keeping in mind John 1:3–5, why is restoring sight to the blind a particularly vivid demonstration of who Jesus is and what he came to do?

4. Why do you think Jesus says that he is the “light of the world” (vs. 5) within hearing of the blind man?

5. How does Jesus perform this miracle? What does this show us about the character of Jesus?

6. How does Jesus challenge the blind man to trust and obey him? In your own life, how has Jesus challenged you to trust and obey him?

7. This is not the first time that Jesus chose to publicly heal on the Sabbath. What reactions do the religious leaders have? (vss. 16–17, 22, 24) What is Jesus trying to show them about their view of the Sabbath?

8. What do the religious leaders hope to find out from the blind man's parents? (vss. 18–23) Are their answers helpful? What are they afraid of? Share a time when your behavior was controlled by fear.

9. In verse 24 the former blind man is exhorted to "Give glory to God." Does he give glory to God in the way they expect? Explain.

10. John 9 ends with a complete reversal of where it started. In verse 1-2, what do the disciples assume and what is Jesus' reaction to their view? As the chapter ends, what do Jesus' accusers claim, and what is Jesus' reaction? (vs. 41)

11. What about you: what is your reaction to the Light? Have you accepted God's cure for your own spiritual blindness? If you are not sure, pray and ask God to open your eyes.