



LIFE GROUP NOTES

Week Beginning: 9th July 2023



John 9: 6-7

Our mess, His message!

Warm Up

When you see a mess or an untidy room, how does it make you feel? Are you a neat freak or laid back about things being out of place? When kids ask you to be creative with glitter and glue, does it make you cringe or do you look through the mess to see the beauty and joy at the end?

Background and context

Jesus heals a man born blind, which you think would be a cause for celebration, but not everyone viewed it that way. His actions stirred up many different emotions and people's opinions were divided. Out of the chaos of our lives, Jesus is able to do miraculous things.

Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity



READ JOHN CH 9 *What are the surprising things in the passage? What is new? What don't you really understand? This could be a time to discuss and share reflections and ideas on the passage or watch a Bible project type video that helps explain things.*

1. Where in this chapter do we see mess, chaos and confusion?
2. How does Jesus bring order and clarity?
3. Why does Jesus spit on the ground to make mud? Why not just heal him?
4. What is the difference between Jesus' actions towards the man and the Pharisees reaction to him?
5. In what ways were the Pharisees 'blind'? How does Jesus point this out?
6. Why did the Pharisees react so negatively to Jesus? Is this true of people today?

Growing in discipleship: Practical application



7. Why is 'mess' and 'chaos' an important part of developing spiritual awareness?
8. How has Jesus worked in the mess of your life? How has He brought beauty from the mess? If you are comfortable sharing a testimony, please do.
9. The Bible teaches us not to fear, but to trust in God. Why do we find this a challenge in the chaos of our lives today?

Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.



We want to encourage the development of prayer, to help everyone grow in confidence in praying. There are many creative ways of praying together: writing prayers, using candles as a focus, reading prayers or praying for each other in pairs.