

# JOHN 9

Many people believe that suffering or illness is a punishment for wrong choices in life (“bad karma”). Do you think we suffer because of the things we do?

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

- What connection did the disciples make between sin and sickness?
- How did Jesus respond to this correlation?
- How do you think sin and suffering are related?

**Read** John 9:13-34.

- What convinced some of the Pharisees to conspire against Jesus?
- They referred to Jesus as a “sinner.” What do you think this derogatory term meant to them?
- How does the blind man respond to their accusations in verses 30-33?
- The Pharisees threw the blind man out of the synagogue for his commitment to Christ. Do you think a person’s faith in Christ could cause the loss of friendships today? Explain your answer.

**Read** John 9:35-41.

- Why do you think Jesus asked the blind man about his belief in verse 35?
- How did the blind man respond?
- What would be an appropriate act of worship today when we make a choice to believe in Christ?
- What point do you think Jesus is trying to make in verses 39-41?
- Do you think this is still true about people today?
- What do you think is characteristic of spiritual blindness?
- How would you describe a life that is no longer spiritually blind?
- If you had to rate your life on a scale of 1-10 (1 being blind and 10 full of spiritual light), what rating would you give yourself?