

CHRIST'S BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

The Gospel of John: The Deity and Teaching of Jesus Christ

"Rules vs. Relationship: What Matters to God?"

John 9:13-19 NKJV

They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. [14] Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. [15] Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." [16] Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. [17] They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." [18] But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight. [19] And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?"

NOTES**Instruction** (2 Tim 3:16): What is God telling me?**Inspiration** (Romans 8:16): How is the Holy Spirit moving me?**Imitator of Christ** (Ephesians 5:1): How will I serve God by imitating Jesus?**My prayer this week:**

Discussion Questions:

1. Why were the Pharisees were so focused on the fact that Jesus healed on the Sabbath, rather than celebrating the miracle? What does this reveal about their priorities or understanding of the law?
2. In verse 17, when the man says, "He is a prophet". How might his physical healing have impacted his spiritual insight?
3. How do people sometimes react today when faced with something that challenges their beliefs or traditions?
4. Can you relate to the man's experience of being questioned or doubted after a life-changing experience?
5. What helps you stay open to recognizing God's work, even when it shows up in unexpected ways?
6. The man boldly told his story, even under pressure. How willing are you to share what God has done in your life, especially when others might not believe or understand?

Bible References

Mark 2:27-28 And He said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. [28] Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath."

Matthew 12:8 For the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

John 9:7 And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.

John 3:19-21 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. [20] For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. [21] But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

John 9:11 He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight."

John 9:38 Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him.

Hebrews 3:13 but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

Hebrews 3:14-15 For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, [15] while it is said: "Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."