

John 9 – Faith and Evidence?

These are the leaders notes from the Kielder Bible Study Group for the meeting that was held on 4th December 2012

Recap

Some key points from chapter 8 :-

Jesus dealing with the woman caught in adultery & then a progression of interchanges:

Jesus making various claims about himself

- to be the light of the world v.12
- to be from above v.23
- to be the “I am” v.58

Jesus making various claims about the Jews

- that they would die in their sins v.24
- that they were trying to kill him v.37
- that they proved their real father was Satan v.44

John 9

Here in this passage we have two types of blindness, physical and spiritual

The Physical Healing

1-5 Q- What reason was given for the blindness?

6-9

10-12 Q Why did Jesus heal the man in the way that he did? A The dirt in the eyes made the man go and wash of washing clean sin.

The Investigation

13-16 Q What was the Pharisees chief concern?

17-23 Q What did the parents say? They were more concerned about their standing than the truth

24-27

28-34 Q What do we think of v33 A Brilliant

Jesus is a serious threat to the Pharisees, firstly they try to discredit him on theological grounds, then they try to suggest that there has been a switch of people. Then try to discredit a witness, on grounds of their learning

Spiritual Blindness

35-41

Q How do the Pharisees condemn themselves?

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Some key points from chapter 9 :-

The man blind from birth

- Jesus healing him
- the man questioned by unbelieving neighbours
- the man questioned by unbelieving Pharisees
- the man increasingly standing up for himself
- Jesus meeting the man again
- the man worshipping Jesus

Now going to consider the Christmas Story and look at

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