

1. Opening Prayer
2. Let Us Read John Ch. 9
3. Structure of Ch. 9

Simple	Question and Answer	Place
Healing The Blind Man 9:1-12	Jesus' First Answer about the Blindness 9:1-5	On the Road from the Temple 9:1-7
	Healing the Blind Man 9:6-12	Near the Home of the Man 9:8-12
Responses to the Man healed 9:13-34	The Pharisees' Inquisition to the Man Healed 9:13-17	Sanhedrin in the Temple 9:13-17
	The Jews' Inquisition to the Parents of the Man 9:18-23	Court 9:18-23
	The Pharisees/Jews' Second Inquisition to the Man 9:24-34	Court 9:24-34
Jesus' Response 9:35-41	The Man's Faith Confession 9:35-38	On the Road from the Temple 9:35-38
	Jesus' Final Answer about the Blindness 9:39-41	On the Road from the Temple 9:39-41

By Characters

9:1-3	Jesus and the Disciples	(The disciples considered the blindness as a sin)
9:4-7	Jesus and the Blind Man	(Jesus healed the blind man)
9:8-12	The Blind Man and the Neighbor	(The neighbor did not well notice him)
9:13-17	The Blind Man and the Pharisees	(The Pharisees were divided)
9:18-23	The Pharisees and the Parents	(The parents couldn't answer clearly)
9:24-34	The Pharisees and the Man	(The man could testify clearly)
9:35-38	Jesus and the Man	(The man answered by faith)
9:39-41	Jesus and the Pharisees	(Jesus considered the Pharisees as the blind)

Question. As we see those above, we can have various structures. What would be the special emphasis of each structure?

4. Discussion

- a. What does the question in verse 2 imply about the social views on blindness or disabilities?
- b. How shall we understand Jesus' answer in verses 3-5?
- c. Why do you think the Gospel author adds the meaning of Siloam in verse 7?
- d. Is there any difference or similarity between 8:12 and 9:5? If they are similar, what makes them more similar to each other?
- e. What does the healing "work" of Jesus imply?
- f. What do you find out in the conversation between the man healed from blindness and the neighbor?
- g. Why do you think the people brought the man to the Pharisees?
- h. We have seen some individuals who encountered Jesus in Gospel John. Does this blind man have anything in common with those?
- i. What does verse 22 imply?
- j. How do we understand "give glory to God" in verse 24?
- k. What does verse 31 imply?
- l. How do you see the formerly blind man's second encounter of Jesus?

5. Closing Prayer