




Sermon Notes:

 Jesus _____ us when no-one else does


 Jesus _____ us when no-one else can

 Jesus _____ us when no-one else will

1 Jesus makes it clear that sin was not the cause of the John 9 man's blindness. Is sin ever the cause of illness? (John 5:14, 1 Cor. 11:30, James 5:15)


 a. Can you think of something in your life that you wonder if it happened because of your sin or your parents' sin? About what in your life do you ask, "Why me?"

2 Do you think it is healthy to ask yourself (or others) the question the disciples asked: "Who sinned?"

 a. Even if sin were the cause of someone's sickness, can God be glorified in and through that consequence?


 b. What Bible examples of someone bearing consequences of sin and God being glorified through that can you think of?

3 We know that God has a purpose for this man's blindness.

 a. How important is it to find purpose in your sufferings? What was God's purpose in this instance?

 b. Discuss the many ways that God's purposes can be fulfilled in trials and suffering.

4 Have you ever felt like no-one sees you? No-one cares that you are in the room? No-one cares that you are hurting?


 a. There are some special places in God's Word where God sees people no-one else cares to see or no-one else can see. Take some time to think about the following people God sees: Hagar in Gen. 16:15; Nathanael in John 1:48; The Unborn in Psalm 139:16; His "offspring" in Is. 53:10

5 If you were to describe the personality or character of the blind man, what would you say?

 a. What can we learn about the parents by the way they responded to the Pharisees?


 b. What can we learn about faith and the fear of man from the healed man and his parents?

6 How does the story of this man blind from birth provide a parable about the nature of salvation?

 How does John's description of this healing help us understand God's power in salvation?

 How does it reveal God's glory in salvation?

7 How can God's care for the poor, the marginalized, the sick, the disabled, and the helpless give you confidence and security personally?

 How can God's care for people like this help you see, hear, and love others? Jesus sees the blind man immediately after declaring He is the Light of the World. He proves he is the Light by giving light to someone in physical darkness. How can God's light in your life move you to practically seeing and helping others—what can you do, what will you do?

PRAYER REQUESTS
