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 Break the ice

Write down what God is saying to you in today's message:

TOPIC: Gospel of John – week 21

 Let's hear your story

1. Tell of a time when you witnessed a physical healing, and how did other people respond who saw the same healing?
2. Have you ever been rejected by friends or family for following Jesus or obeying Him, by being baptised as a born-again believer?
3. What does v.32; tell us about this healing? **(Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind).**
4. Why was the parents of the blind man afraid of the Jews according to v.22? **(They did not want to be put out of the synagogue.)**

 Let's go deeper

5. According to v.34 what did the religious leaders do to the man? **(They cast him out of the synagogue.)**
6. According to v.35, who was the first person to find the man after being cast out? **(Jesus found him.)**
7. How did the blind man respond to Jesus after hearing that Jesus is the Son of Man? **(He said, "Lord, I believe, and he worshiped Him.")**
8. What does Isaiah 29:18; 35:5 and 42:7 tell us about the Messiah? **(The Messiah will open the eyes of the blind).**

 Let's apply this

9. **John 9:32;** Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind.
 - Are you afraid that your family or friends will reject you when you follow Jesus as Lord, or get baptised as a believer?
 - Do you need more clarity or guidance to who Jesus Christ is?
 - Have you been blinded to the truth of Jesus Christ?
 - Ask the Holy Spirit to open the scriptures to you about the Person and work of Jesus Christ this week.

SUMMARY:

Gospel of John: Week 21 (Jesus heals a man born blind).

Read: John 9:1 – 41.

- v.1 – 5; Jesus' disciples ask a question, and Jesus responds to the question.
- v.6 – 7; The man born blind is healed.
- v.8 – 12; The neighbours react to the healed man.
- v.13 – 16; The healed man is brought to the Pharisees.
- v.17 – 18; The religious leaders question the man born blind.
- v.19 – 23; The Pharisees question the parents of the man born blind.
- v.24 – 25; The testimony of the man born blind.
- v.26 – 27; The man born blind reacts to the intense questioning.
- v.28 – 34; After wisely answering the religious leaders, the man is cast out.
- v. 35 – 38; The man born blind and then healed, believes in Jesus.
- v.39 – 41; Jesus distinguishes between the blind and the seeing.

What can we learn from John 9:1 – 41?

1. **Sickness and affliction are not necessarily the result of someone's sin**
Read: John 9:1 – 3.
2. **Jesus did not always heal the same way.** Read: John 9:6 – 7

Other examples of Jesus healing people:

- Sometimes He lay hands on people for healing (Luke 4:40; Mark 6:5).
 - Other times He just speak a word of healing (Matt.8:5 – 13); or cast out a demon with a word (Matt.17:18).
 - In Mark 7:33; Jesus puts His fingers in deaf ears.
 - In Mark 6:13; Jesus tells His disciples to anoint with oil for healing.
- Jesus sought His Father's will to whom He should heal, and how He should heal.

3. **Some people refuse to commit themselves to Christ out of fear of how others might react to it.** Read: John 9:22.
4. **Some people are just waiting to know how to put their trust in the Lord; like the man who was healed – all they need is some guidance.**
Read: John 9:35 – 38.
5. **Some unbelievers are not seeking, but have their minds already made up to reject Jesus.** Read: John 9:39 – 41.

Isaiah 29:18; 35:5 and 42:7; prophesied that the Messiah would heal the blind.