



AND THEN JESUS ASKED...

Groups Discussion Questions

ICE BREAKER

**DO YOU EVER PRACTICE
WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO
SAY AHEAD OF TIME?**

**WHERE? (IN THE CAR, IN THE
SHOWER, IN THE MIRROR)
OUTLOUD OR IN YOUR HEAD?**



READ JOHN 9

HAVE YOUR PENS OUT AND UNDERLINE THE THINGS THAT STANDOUT TO YOU!

As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3 Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.....continue reading JOHN 9

- What were some of the things that stood out to you in this chapter? Why?
- In verse 35-41, Jesus talks about Spiritual Blindness. In the Message Eric talked about an easy test for it. Ask yourself this question: Are you a sinner? Do you ever sin?
- Is that easy or difficult for you to answer?
- The Pharisees not only did not want to admit that they were sinners, they especially did not want to admit that Jesus was the answer. Why didn't they want Jesus to be the Messiah?
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- The Pharisees didn't want to need Jesus. Do you think needing Jesus is still hard for some people?
- Do you agree or disagree that you need Jesus as much as a mass murderer?
- How is our need for Jesus before we receive salvation, and our need for Jesus every day after the same. How is it different?
- Do you live relying on Jesus every hour, or do you live with a get out of hell free card in your pocket?

PRAYER REQUESTS:

DIGGING DEEPER

Justification is defined as an act of God by which those who are unrighteous in themselves are nevertheless declared righteous before God while still in the sinning state. It is once and for all deliverance from the punishment we deserve when we believe in Jesus's life, death and resurrection as the payment for our sin.

Sanctification is the day by day process of becoming righteous - or to put it in Foundry terms, Transforming more and more into the image of Christ. Sanctification continues the entire life of the believer and we never "arrive" while in this life. Even if you have been a Christian for 80 years, there is still work the Holy Spirit is carrying out in your life.

Read the following verses and decide whether they describe sanctification or justification:

Romans 7:24-25

1 John 5:5

Romans 5:18

James 4:7

1 Corinthians 5:21

- Why is it important that we understand both of these truths?
- Which one is more difficult to understand/process?
- Which one of these verses should you commit to memory this week?