

John 9:6-23

Responding to Miracles

1) The Miracle

a) The Action

Divine Action

Human Response

b) The Means

1. Unique
2. Offensive

2) The Response

a) The Neighbors – v. 8-12

1. Amazement – v. 8
2. Confusion – v. 9
3. Curiosity – v. 10 (v. 16,19,21,26)
4. Seeking – v. 12

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b) The Healed One – v. 11-30

1. Obedience to Jesus

2. Witness for Jesus

c) The Parents – v. 18-23

1. Safe Answer – v. 20

2. Unsafe Answer – v. 21-23

Praxis

1. Think and recount some spiritual miracles that you have experienced or observed? How have you responded to these? How have others?
2. If a miraculous event is “a happening that is contrary to nature,” is the prayer of Ps 119:18 asking for a miracle? Why / Why not? How might this change your expectations in reading your Bible?
3. What was so wrong with the parents’ answers in John 9:21-23?
4. Thought Question: What would have been a “safe” way for parents to answer Pharisees’ inquiry? Consider Matthew 10:32-39?