



### **EMOJIS and the Gospel of John – Chapter 9 questions**

Here we go with a not so clean version of the “Would you rather...” Before answering, remember, you have to finish the game you started in this question! Would you rather play your favorite outdoor sport in a huge field of mud shortly after it rained, or would you rather have it start to rain and continue to rain making the field muddy as you played?

Read John 9:1-8 and then read the note for 🤪 John 9:3. Have you ever played the “blame game” or do you know someone who has? What was the outcome of that “game”?

The man in John 9 couldn't see. Read the rest of John 9:9-11 to finish the story on what happened to this man. Jesus chose to spit on the ground and rub it on the man's eyes and after he washed his face in a pool, the man was able to see! Can you share a time that something happened to you or someone you know, whether it was physical, emotional, or spiritual, that you could only point to God handling it in a way you didn't expect?

Read John 9:13-16 and the note on 🤨 John 9:13-14. Why were the religious leaders, known as the Pharisees, so angry with Jesus, who had just healed a man that had been blind since birth?



The religious leaders wanted to make sure of the man's identity so they went to the man's parents, who confirmed it was their son that was born blind and could suddenly now see. Read 😲 John 9:18-23 and the note for these verses. Does the parent's reaction to this miracle surprise you? How would you have reacted if this had been your child or your brother?

The religious leaders brought this man back in for a second time (John 9:24) to talk about what had happened. Share a time when a boss, teacher, coach, police officer, pastor, etc. pulled you aside to talk to you about something.

Somehow the man that was blind and can now see ends up in an argument with the religious leaders on who Jesus is. The man that can now see answers their questions, but gets to the point where he is tired of all the questions, as his answers are not what they want to hear. In the end, what do the religious leaders do with this man that was once blind but can now see? Why do you think they reacted this way?

All of this happened on the same day: the Sabbath. Put yourself in the place of the man that was born blind and could now see, and had been pulled back and forth to answer all of the questions. Now imagine it is today, and this is being shared all over social media and everyone is watching it. Would you rather have all this attention and answer all of these questions in one day, or would you rather have it spread out over the course of a week or a month to share your story? Share why you chose your answer.