"Why Me, Lord?" John 9:1-7 April 24, 2016

Observations concerning suffering:

Observation #1: Suffering always provokes questions. (v.2)

Question: What were the two possible answers the disciples gave as to

why the man was born blind?

Answer: They speculated that the blindness was a result of the

blind man's sin or it was the result of his parents' sin.

Observation #2: Suffering provokes the speculation of others. (v.2)

Question: Why was the man born blind?

Answer: According to Jesus—so that the works of God might be displayed in him.

(v.3)

Observation #3: God has an <u>eternal purpose</u> in our suffering. (v.3)

Question: What was Jesus going to do in the blind man's life that the work of God

might be displayed?

Answer: He was going to <u>heal him</u> of his blindness.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Jesus <u>never</u> makes a <u>promise</u> to the blind man that he will be healed.

Observation #4: We will discover Christ's <u>purpose</u> and <u>power</u> in our suffering when we dare to exercise faith in Him. (v.4-7)

NOTE: The miracle is not <u>always packaged</u> the way we want.

HOMEWORK: