

Cheat Sheet:

1. When you hear words like disability, illness or handicap, what do you think of?
 -It may come out in the community group members answers, but a follow up question could be "how did they arrive" at their thoughts or opinions

2. God maximizes his glory in his people. What are some ways in your everyday life that God gets glory?
 -You will have varying responses to this question. You may even find or notice that not many people have consistently heard that they were created for such a primary and singular reason such as "for the glory of God". You can have the group read Romans 5:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 2:12; Colossians 1:27; 2 Corinthians 4:4; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Romans 15:7

3. Read John 9:7. Was the man's act of washing the cause of his healing?
 -No, it was part of his healing, but not the cause. God is always the initiator and instigator. Read Acts 3:15; Philippians 1:6; Revelations 22:13; Hebrews 12:2. But there is a role we play in our interactions with God; we are not passive participants. God is opposed to earning, but not to effort. An example of this is found in Philippians 2:12-13 (our role is working out our salvation with fear and trembling, God provides the sovereignty)

- 3b. Read John 9:10-11. What 2 things does the man attribute his healing to?
 -The mud that Jesus put on his eyes and washing them at Siloam

4. In John 9:8-9, the man's neighbors are trying to figure out what has Jesus done to the man and to a degree they're undecided. How would your neighbors or close family describe what Jesus has changed in you?
 -The responses here could be added to prayers at the end of the evening if people describe less than favorable effects their faith has had in these spheres.

5. The book of Job is a story about one man's intense suffering. When Job's friends arrive on the scene, they infer that since he is suffering, he must be guilty of sin. According to Job 1:8-12, why was Job singled out for this test?
 -Because Job was blameless and upright

6. How does this story influence the way you understand the challenges and difficulties in your life? What problems would arise if you left the Lord out of the picture?
 -Personal stories will have various slants. Hopefully the overriding theme is one of grace and humble submission to God's good hand in our lives.