#### Prepare to Believe

#### The Gospel of John:

(John 20:30–31 ESV) Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

# John 9:1-41

## We all have preconceived notions. But are these notions true?

#### Who is judging?

(Luke 13:2-5 ESV) And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

#### The Sabbath Question

(Mark 2:27-28 ESV) And he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

#### Renew Your Mind

(Romans 12:2 ESV) Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

#### Make Disciples

(Mat 28:19 ESV) Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

## Don't believe a lie.

#### **Preconceived Notions**

(John 9:24 ESV) A second time they summoned the man who had been blind.
"Give glory to God, " they said. "We know this man is a sinner."

#### Don't be blind

(John 9:39-41 ESV) Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind." Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, "What? Are we blind too?" Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains.

#### What about now?

(2 Cor 6:2 ESV) For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation

### Truth requires a response.

#### There is a person to receive

(John 9:36-38 ESV) Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?". "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him." Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you." Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.

#### Discipleship

(2 Tim 2:2 ESV) and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

#### Women too!

(Titus 2:3-5 ESV) Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.

#### Your testimony is important

(Rev 12:11 KJV) And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

#### A Simple Testimony

(John 9:25 ESV) He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"

#### CONCLUSION

- We need to renew our minds with Gods word
- We need to believe the Truth
- We need to put the truths of God's word into action.