

*Valley Bible Church – Sermon Study Questions*

**Study Aid for the Sermon from June 25-26, 2005**

**"To Believe or Not to Believe"**

**John 9:39-41**

**Observing the text**

Christ said that He came into this world for judgment in John 9:39. What did He mean by this?

How can you explain this teaching in light of Christ's statement in John 3:17 that Christ was not sent into this world for the purpose of judgment?

What did Jesus mean when He told the Pharisees "if you were blind, you would have no sin?"

What did Jesus mean when He told the Pharisees "since you say, 'we see,' your sin remains?"

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### **Applying the sermon**

If the natural consequence of repeatedly rejecting Christ's rescue mission is a blindness that becomes more and more fixed, then how might this impact the way we view different ministries?

Were you more like the "blind man" or the "Pharisees" in John 9 when Jesus first attempted to rescue you and why?

Are there people in your life that you believe have become particularly hardened? Have you confronted them with their spiritual blindness?

If spiritual blindness can over time become more and more fixed, how should this impact our sense of urgency when it comes to sharing the gospel?