The Man Blind from Birth

Read John Chapter 9. Listen for an argument between the Pharisees and a former blind man.

1. Jesus encounters a man who was born in blindness. What question did the disciples ask?

2. Discuss why this question is, in our thinking, very foolish.

3. What answer does Jesus give to their question?

4. What procedure does Jesus go through in the healing process? It seems somewhat bizarre in our thinking, but you can read about some recent findings.  
   http://www.wellsphere.com/general-medicine-article/saliva-found-to-have-genuine-wound-healing-properties/421252

5. Discuss which of the following reasons would be the most likely reason that Jesus went through the procedure
   a. To add variety to His practices of healing people
   b. To provoke the Pharisees by breaking their Sabbath rules, since treating illness and making mud were considered work
   c. To gain the man’s confidence since saliva was believed to have healing properties
   d. To give the man a part in the healing process

6. Enumerate the sequence of accusations of the Pharisees and the responses of different people.

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7. What lessons did the man born blind learn in each of the following areas?
   a. Physical
   b. Intellectual
   c. Spiritual

8. What situations or events exist in your family’s life right now that God could use to display His mighty power?

9. Pray together that God would use those events, either negative or positive, good or bad and display His power. Pray that you would grow and mature physically, intellectually, and spiritually. Pray that God would be glorified as He intervenes in your lives.