



B REVEALING WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS

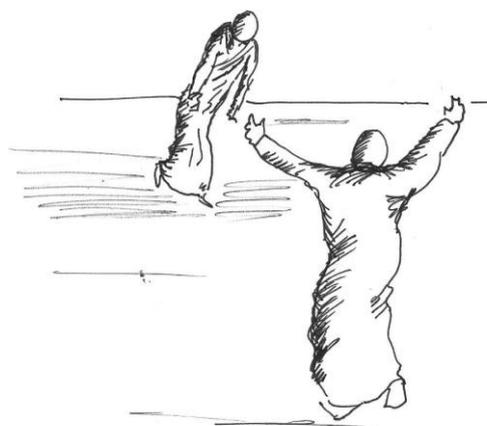
# HIV and AIDS and the glory of God

## ? Why use this Bible study?

This Bible study helps us look at our true value in God.

## 📖 That the works of God may be displayed

By the time of Jesus, many of the teachings of the Old Testament had been over-simplified, resulting in beliefs such as 'If you are suffering, it must be because you have sinned.'



**Read John 9:1-7.** Jesus' disciples thought that a man was blind because he or his parents had sinned. Jesus said this was not the case. Instead he said that the works of God should be displayed in him. '

## 🔑 Key points

Our attitude to HIV and AIDS should not be 'Whose fault?' but rather, 'God's opportunity to do what?'

## 👤 Questions for discussion

- What did Jesus mean when he said the works of God might be displayed in him (the blind man)?
- What do people in our community say about people living with HIV and AIDS?
- How can we be practical in our love?
- How can we support those living with HIV and AIDS and those who care for them?

Awareness-raising

Children & youth

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Conflict & peace-building

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Disaster risk management

Discrimination & inclusion

Food & livelihoods

Gender & sexual violence

Health & HIV

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Water, sanitation & hygiene



## Reflection

Think about any ways that you could help your community to understand that sickness is not God's direct judgement on a person for sin. Could your church do something that would help the whole community understand this?



## Notes

This Bible study is adapted from one first published in Tearfund (2005) *ROOTS 8 – HIV and AIDS: taking action*

### Related tools

- A1 – Revealing HIV: information for facilitators [A1: Health & HIV-1]
- A2 – HIV counselling and testing [A2: Health & HIV-1]
- A2 – How HIV spreads [A2: Health & HIV-2]
- A2 – My supporters: tackling HIV stigma [A2: Health & HIV-3]
- A2 – How HIV affects livelihoods [A2: Health & HIV-4]
- B - Caring for widows and orphans (Bible study) [B: Discrimination & inclusion-3]
- B – Attitudes towards disease and difference (Bible study) [B: Discrimination & inclusion-1]
- B – Loving the outcast (Bible study) [B: Discrimination & inclusion-2]

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