

*While it is*

**DAY**

*John 9:4*

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*Sabbath School*

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Lesson Study Booklet

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## While It Is Day Theme Description:

Our world has experienced a crisis of pandemic proportions. A fast-moving virus ravaged country after country at lightning speed and has changed life the way we know it.

Many of our patients are perplexed wondering  
where is this world headed?

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Why is there so much sickness, suffering and death?

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What is the meaning of life?

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There are answers, and as Seventh-day Adventist healthcare professionals we have the unique opportunity to share a message of hope and healing with a hurting world.

In John 9:4, Jesus said, "I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work." Here, Jesus tells us that there is a window of opportunity during which we must work to advance His kingdom. Recent events have shown us that this window is quickly closing.

**Just as Jesus was sent by God to a hurting, sin sick planet, we are sent on a divine mission into our communities.** As healthcare professionals God gives us opportunities every day to minister to people's physical, mental, and spiritual needs. Jesus never separated physical healing from spiritual wholeness. He was focused on the eternal and not simply physical healing. Christ worked with a sense of urgency.

**Time is running short.** Whether Jesus comes in our lifetime or not, "...what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away." (James 4:14). We need to embrace our fragility, our mortality, to realize how quickly energies fade, time flies, and recognize the importance of how we are to occupy while we still have air flowing through our lungs and blood coursing through our veins. Our patient encounters have to be more purposeful, more intentional. Our rapport with patients must lead us to a place where connections are made and defensive walls drop.

**Our prayer is that at this conference you will discover new, practical ways to become more intentional about sharing Christ.** In light of the judgment going on in the Most Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary, men and women are making eternal decisions for or against Christ. The urgency of the times demands something more of each one of us. We are under a divine obligation with a divine mandate, to accomplish a divine objective with divine opportunities before us.

**Our desire is that you leave this conference with a renewed desire to fulfill the divine mandate and passionately share the love of Christ** and the hope we have in Him despite the tumultuous world around us.

**The time is now – While It Is Day.** The mission is clear and the divine mandate echoes in our ears, "[we] must work the works of Him who sent [us] while it is [yet] day; the night is coming when no one can work."

**As you study this lesson in preparation for the Sabbath School discussion,** we pray that the Holy Spirit will lead you to a better understanding of what He is calling you to do 'While It Is Day'.

## Lesson Study

1. Read John 9:2 together as a group. What does the question that the disciples asked Jesus in this passage indicate about their understanding about the cause for sickness? \_\_\_\_\_

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Does this misconception exist in the minds of some people today? \_\_\_\_\_

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Could the implications in their question be true? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Do you notice anything strange about the disciple's question? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. How can Jesus' response in John 9:3 be easily misinterpreted to distort the character of God? \_\_\_\_\_

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Take another look at the passage and discuss an alternate reading in harmony with God's gracious character? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. In John 9:4, Jesus declared, "I must work the works of Him that sent me..." What does this indicate about Jesus relationship to His Father? See also John 8:29, Hebrews 10:5-7.

Discuss Ellen White's comments in Desire of Ages below as they apply to your life. \_\_\_\_\_

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*"Throughout His life on earth, Jesus was an earnest and constant worker. He expected much; therefore, He attempted much. After He had entered on His ministry, He said, 'I must work the works of Him that sent Me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.' John 9:4. Jesus did not shirk care and responsibility, as do many who profess to be His followers. It is because they seek to evade this discipline that so many are weak and inefficient. They may possess precious and amiable traits, but they are nerveless and almost useless when difficulties are to be met or obstacles surmounted. The positiveness and energy, the solidity and strength of character, manifested in Christ are to be developed in us, through the same discipline that He endured. And the grace that He received is for us." - Desire of Ages pg. 73*

5. Jesus regularly referred to the fact that He was sent by God. Can we have the same sense of being sent by God to a specific place for a specific task? \_\_\_\_\_

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Compare John 17:17-18 with John 20:20-22. What similarities do you see in these passages? What differences are there? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. What did Christ mean when He said, "I must work the works of Him that sent me". What were Christ's works? \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe the multiple reasons why He came? Be specific and use Bible texts to expand on this thought. \_\_\_\_\_

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Read the following passages and share your thoughts on the expression, "the works of Him that sent me." **Matthew 4:23, Matthew 9:35, Luke 4:18,19 and Luke 19:10.** \_\_\_\_\_

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7. In John 9:4, what is Jesus referring to by the terms "day" vs. "night"? In verse 5 He says "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world," and this implies that as long as He is in the world, it will always be day. However, was this in reference to His physical presence when He walked this earth, or is there a broader context He is referring to? \_\_\_\_\_

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Explore Jesus' teachings in John 8:12 and John 12:34-36 to more completely understand Jesus statement in John 9:4. \_\_\_\_\_

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10. Why do you think Jesus told the man to "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam?"  
What does this teach us about God's method of both physical and spiritual healing? \_\_\_\_\_

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11. As you read this story of the opening of a blind man's eyes what lessons does this teach you about the plan of salvation? \_\_\_\_\_

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12. As you consider John 9: 1-11 what three main thoughts come to mind? \_\_\_\_\_

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13. What practical principles from this lesson can you apply to your life? \_\_\_\_\_

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If you knew that Jesus was coming back in the very near future, would your practice as a healthcare professional change? \_\_\_\_\_

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If so how? What is preventing you from implementing these changes now? \_\_\_\_\_

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14. What do you see as AMEN's role in helping you implement and apply the principles learned in this lesson? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are there specific resources, seminars, programs, etc. that AMEN could provide you with that would better equip you to intentionally engage in health ministry? \_\_\_\_\_

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