

Getting to Know Each Other.

Share light refreshments. Go around the group and introduce yourselves and talk through this question: *“What is a name or a place or a word that you have a hard time remembering?”* *

Follow up. Did you get to share with someone about Jesus this past week?
Or how else did you obey Jesus?

Vision. Jesus told us to “Make disciples.” The purpose of our Life Group is: To help people become Believers in Jesus and grow up to become Disciple Makers.

Bible Study Introduction. A couple weeks ago we looked at how Jesus healed a deaf and mute man. Today we will see Jesus healing a blind man. Notice that the man’s vision was not completely restored at once, but gradually.

Pray. Before we read the Scripture, let’s pray that God will speak to each one of us.

Read. We will read through the passage three times and then discuss it, so listen carefully. Get three people to read **Mark 8:22-25**. **

Discuss these questions, one at a time, encouraging everyone who wants to respond to do so. Remind the group: Keep your answers based just on this passage.

1. What stands out or surprises you in this passage?
2. What does it show us about people and choices we can make?
 - The people asked Jesus to touch the blind man. What does that show about these people?
 - Jesus asked the man, “Do you see anything?” What would have been the result if the man had decided to say, “Oh yeah, I can see just fine. Thank You.”
 - When someone who cares about us asks, “How are you?”, our default reply is, “I’m good.” What might be a better, more honest response? Why?
3. What does this passage show us about God?
 - If you were there and saw Jesus spit on the man’s eyes, how might you have felt?
 - When the man told Jesus that people looked like walking trees, Jesus laid His hands on him a second time. What does that show that Jesus wanted for this man?
 - What is an example of something you can see or understand more clearly as you have grown in your relationship with Jesus?
 - What are some examples of “spiritual blind spots” that we may have as we follow Jesus?

Obeying Jesus. As disciples of Jesus, we want to follow Jesus in whatever way He is leading us today. As we pray silently for 30 seconds, see if God speaks to your heart. Pray something like this: *“Lord Jesus, what do you want me to do with what You are showing me today?”* [30 sec. silent prayer]

Remember to obey what God is saying to you. And this week ask God who He wants you to talk with about Jesus. Let’s close in prayer.

Closing Prayer.

Pray something like: “Lord, prepare the hearts of the people we will be sharing the Good News of Jesus with this week. And give us strength and joy as we follow You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

** If there are no new people, you can skip the “icebreaker.”*
*** Reading from different translations often helps.*