

# Discussion Guide

# MIRACLES



## Prayer

- Share one high and one low from this past week. Take time to thank God for the good moments. Ask him to bring healing to the hard areas.

## Introduction

- This week, we're exploring a passage that shows us Jesus' nearness and authority. He is the Christ, the anointed one, and he uses his power to heal.
- Much of the culture in Jesus' time misunderstood his identity and purpose. *What are common ways that our culture misunderstands Jesus?*

## Read Mark 8:22-26

- "Some people" brought the blind man to Jesus. We can be "those people" for others. *What are practical ways that we can bring people to Jesus this week?*
- *What do you think this experience was like from the blind man's perspective?*
- *What does this section teach us about the character of Jesus?*
- *Using the blind man as an illustration, when has Jesus clarified your spiritual sight, like you were seeing a truth for the first time?*
- "The fact that this miracle took place in two stages shows that Jesus' miracles are not formulaic and that healing can be a process. Perhaps Jesus used this miracle to show his disciples that their own "sight" was growing by stages." Rodney L. Cooper, Mark, vol. 2, Holman New Testament Commentary (Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 2000), 134.

## Read Mark 8:27-30

- *How would you answer Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?"*
- Pastor Blake taught us that "Christ" is not Jesus' last name, but his title. *Using scripture, what is the significance of the title, "The Christ?"*
- The most dangerous idol is believing in a false view of Jesus. *Has an incomplete or inaccurate view of Jesus ever taken you off course?*
- *Who helped you understand the true identity of Jesus?*
- *How can we help our friends and family see the real Jesus rather than the Jesus of our natural assumptions?*

## "One-Another Ing"

- Each discussion guide this year will feature one of the scriptures' "one another" statements. These instructions guide us on how to love one another.
- *Stir up one another to love and good works (Hebrews 10:24)* – this week, send each other texts and reminders to "stir up" love and obedience to Christ.