

LifeGroup Study SheetJuly 30^h, 2023 – Red Letters: Gospel of Mark (part 26)

This guide is designed to give helpful hints in preparing for your group discussion.

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

Introduction

Can you remember a time where your vision got blurry? Maybe something was in your eye or you started to notice your eye sight was getting worse. How did you help correct it? Talk about the process of helping correct it.

Digging In

Question 1: Read Mark 8:22-26. In this story Jesus spits on the blind man's eyes and lays his hands on him. This seems like a really strange way to heal someone, but it teaches us a principle about our own spiritual blindness. Read **2 Corinthians 4:3-4** and talk about what is main cause of our own spiritual blindness and what it looks like. How is this battle of blindness a spiritual battle? Why is this so important to know?

Question 2: Read Mark 8:27-29. Jesus then asks his disciples a question to see if they have clear vision. He asks, "who do you say that I am?" Peter answers on their behalf, "you are the Christ!" What things are you doing in your life to maintain good spiritual vision? How are you reminding yourself of who Christ is and what He has done for you? What things in your life block having clear spiritual vision?

Question 3: Read Mark 8:31-33. God's word always reminds us that ought to stay humble in our walk with Christ, because head knowledge is not enough. Peter knew in his head that Jesus was Messiah (v.29), but he hadn't let that transform his heart. Jesus needs to rebuke Peter because he was not seeing things through God's eternal perspective! Do you look at your life through your perspective or through God's perspective? Do I tell Jesus my will instead of asking for His will?

Read Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:38-39)

How does this prayer help you see things from God's perspective?

Application

What would your prayer look like to have a deeper clarity of vision to see Jesus?

Use **Psalm 27**, specially verses **7 and 8** to help your prayer.

Use **Ephesians 1:17-18** to help your prayer.

Praise / Prayer Requests

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

Adoration – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?

Confession – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?

Supplication – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?