

Dear Life Group Leaders,

Thank you so much for leading the people of Everyday Church and helping others to develop a growing faith in Jesus. What a blessing you all are to the local Church! May God bless you, as the Spirit reveals things of the Kingdom within your Lifegroup this week.

Much love,

Adam

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LIFE GROUP GUIDE

John 9:1-41

This Week's BIG IDEA: Recognising that Jesus sees us and it's still His desire to reshape the perspectives we have of ourselves, the people around us and most importantly of Him.

i) Please read John 9: 1-12

- Open up a discussion about what your Lifegroup makes of these opening verses? (intriguing, surprising, encouraging, confusing?)
- How is the man overlooked? How often are you genuinely aware of those around you, especially those in a place of need?
- What challenge does this account give to our faith and our expectations of how God might work?

ii) Please read John 9: 13-17

- How do you think the man felt in these moments? Has there ever been a time when you've felt marginalised or overlooked? How did that feel?
- In what ways does the arguments and reasoning of the Pharisees cause them to miss what God is doing in that precise moment?
- In what ways might we get stuck in a way of doing things, blocking us from experiencing new things that God is perhaps initiating?
- What might be hindering you from enjoying a new delight in the Lord today?

iii) Please read John 9: 18-23

- In what ways does the response of the man's parents fail him in these moments?
- What is the Lifegroups' experience of receiving parental love and support? What did/does that look like for them personally?
- How has that shaped how they view/receive the love of their Heavenly Father now?

iv) Please read John 9: 24-41

The man hasn't got a neatly packaged testimony or a complete understanding of theology; but he has encountered Jesus and it has not just transformed his eyesight, but his heart.

- What encouragements must we take from this newfound boldness and understanding that the man displays when sharing his testimony with others?

- Is there a new truth about Jesus that anyone in the group has realised through reading this account? If so, who could you share that truth with this week? (besides your friends in Lifegroup!)

Time to pray. Church, be expectant that when we lay hands on one another and call out to God, the Spirit takes our incomplete and limited petitions and intercedes on our behalf before the Father. Remembering that can really influence how we call out to Him in these moments!

- What situation is in your life right now, that you want Jesus to see and bring transformation to?
- Is there an area of healing or breakthrough that you're seeking? These verses remind us that He's a miracle working God!!