# SIGNS

"Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you might have life in his name." John 20:30-31 ESV

Changing water into wine	2:1–11
Healing the official's son	4:46–54
Healing the invalid	5:1–15
Feeding the multitude	6:5–13
Walking on the water*	6:16–21
Healing the man born blind	9:1–7
Raising Lazarus	11:1-44

**Reading Suggestions**: Read John 15-17. In chapter 15 circle the word "abide" or "remain" whenever you see it. What does it mean for us to abide or remain in Christ? In chapter 17 take note of all the times, Jesus prays for the unity of the church.

#### READ: John 9:1-7

1. The Jews of Jesus' day believed that suffering was always punishment from God for sins committed. Jesus refutes this false assumption. What other explanations might we give for why people suffer in this world, even faithful Christians?

### NOW READ John 9:8-34

2. Brandon pointed out that when Jesus gives us sight (ie: salvation) we may face rejection from neighbors, people of other faiths/religions, family, and friends. When have you experienced pushback or rejection from others because of your faith in Christ? How did you handle it? How did the blind man resolve it?

### NOW READ: John 9:35-41

- 3. Jesus sought the healed man out and now offered him the gift of spiritual sight (salvation). What were the circumstances surrounding your invitation to trust in Christ? Who were some of the key people God used to share Christ with you?
- 4. The Pharisees claimed to be able to see and know the truth about God but Jesus says that they are the ones who are blind. What do you think are some of the main factors in today's world that keep many people from coming to faith in Christ? How can we here at the Chapel, do a better job being faithful witnesses to those far from God?

## NEXT STEPS:

- Who are some people in your life whose hearts are hard toward God that you can begin to pray for specifically that God would soften their hearts and draw them to Himself? Stop and pray for them at this moment.
- The healed man testified "though I was blind, now I see" (25). Share your testimony (story) of how Christ brought you from spiritual blindness to spiritual sight with another person this week.