Group Conversation Guide

For the Week of December 22

Series: The Light Has Come

Title: Now I See Scripture: John 9:1-15

Before Your Small Group Meeting

- Watch or Attend the Message: Listen to Brandon Rieb's message on John 9:1-15 at churchatviera.com/live.
- **Pray:** Ask God to open your eyes and your group's hearts to the transformative power of His Word.

Icebreaker: Now I See

Share a time when your perspective on something significant changed—whether in a literal, emotional, or spiritual way. How did that transformation impact your life?

Beginning the Conversation

Read John 9:1-15 as a group.

Key Terms to Explore:

- **Blind from birth (v. 1):** A state of helplessness we can't fix ourselves—spiritually or physically.
- Light of the world (v. 5): Jesus is the ultimate source of truth and life.
- Mud and washing (v. 6-7): Faith and obedience in receiving healing.

Discussion Starter Questions

Healing My Spiritual Blindness

- 1. Admitting Blindness:
 - How does denying sin blind us to our need for Jesus?
 - Reflect: When have you struggled to admit an area of blindness in your life?

2. Believing Jesus Can Heal:

- What does the man's faith in washing in the Pool of Siloam teach us about trusting Jesus for wholeness?
- How can belief in Jesus transform areas where you feel spiritually stuck?

3. Choosing to Obey and Follow:

- Why is obedience to Jesus essential for spiritual growth?
- Share practical ways you can choose obedience this week.

Revealing My Spiritual Blind Spots

1. Being Aware of Others' Needs:

- How can we become more aware of people who have spiritual needs around us?
- Who in your life needs the light of Jesus, and how can you show it to them?

2. Beware of Prejudging:

- How did the disciples' question (v. 2) reveal a tendency to judge others?
- How can we guard against a critical spirit in how we see people?

3. Being a Light in the World:

- How does Jesus' call to be "the light of the world" challenge you?
- Discuss ways to let your light shine this week intentionally (Matthew 5:14-16).

Scripture Application

2 Corinthians 4:4:

- How does spiritual blindness prevent people from seeing the light of the Gospel?
- How can you pray for others to see Jesus more clearly?

Psalm 139:23-24:

- How can inviting Jesus to search your heart reveal blind spots?
- What might God be showing you during this season?

Personal Application: Jesus, Open My Eyes

1. Reflection:

- Where do you need healing from spiritual blindness?
- How can you let Jesus' light expose and transform dark areas in your life?

2. Action Steps:

- Pray for Jesus to reveal blind spots and bring healing to those areas.
- Identify one person you will intentionally encourage with the light of Jesus this week.

Worship Together

Listen to "Light of the World" by Lauren Daigle

<u>Light of the World - Lauren Daigle</u>

Group Prayer

- Praise Jesus for being the light that heals our spiritual blindness.
- Ask for awareness of blind spots and the courage to step into the light.

• Pray for God's light to shine through your group this Christmas season.

Group Encouragement

Challenge each other to:

- Walk in the light by living out obedience and love.
- Share stories next week of how God used you to shine His light in someone's life through this Christmas Season..