

# Life Group Conversation Guide

## Week of June 22, 2025

**Series:** It's Personal – A Study in John  
**Message Title:** Seeing Isn't Always Believing  
**Text:** John 9 (also reference Isaiah 29:18; John 3:16–18; Ephesians 2; Romans 3)

### BEFORE YOUR MEETING

- Watch or attend the weekend message by Brandon Ried at [churchatviera.com/live](http://churchatviera.com/live).
- Pray that your group members grow in spiritual sight and respond with bold belief in Jesus.

### ICEBREAKER

- Has there ever been a moment where you saw God move but didn't recognize it at first?

### BEGIN THE CONVERSATION

**Read John 9:1–12 Together**

#### Miracle With a Message

- Why is it significant that this man was born blind, and what might this represent spiritually?
- How does this miracle parallel our condition before salvation (separated, blind, helpless, undeserving)?
- In what ways have you personally experienced Jesus opening your eyes spiritually?

### FOUR RESPONSES TO A MIRACLE

#### 1. The Neighbors – Curious but Confused (John 9:8–12)

- What do the neighbors' questions reveal about their hearts?
- Have you ever seen God move in someone else's life and questioned its authenticity?
- When have you been hesitant to move closer to God?

#### 2. The Pharisees – Religious but Resistant (John 9:13–18)

- Why did this miracle disturb the Pharisees? What assumptions or traditions did it challenge?
- Discuss the "Four Attributes of Unbelief" for this week's message (Inconsistent, Intractable, Irrational, Insolent). Which one do you most resonate with or recognize in our culture?
- Are there religious habits or prideful assumptions that keep you from seeing Jesus clearly?

### **3. The Parents – Fearful but Silent (John 9:18–23)**

- Why were the parents hesitant to speak openly about their son's healing?
- What fears keep us from boldly sharing what Jesus has done?
- Is there someone God may want you to share your testimony with, even if it costs you something?

### **4. The Blind Man – Healed and Boldly Believing (John 9:24–38)**

- Trace the man's progression in how he refers to Jesus (man → prophet → from God → Lord).
- What helped him grow in faith and boldness despite opposition?
- How can you keep growing in trust and boldness in your walk with Jesus?

## **DEEPER TRUTH & APPLICATION**

### **The Danger of Spiritual Blindness**

- Read John 9:39–41. What warning does Jesus give those who think they "see" clearly?
- How does spiritual pride create blindness, even when the truth is right in front of us?

### **Sight That Leads to Salvation**

- Read John 3:16–18. What does it mean that belief leads to life, but unbelief results in condemnation?
- How is spiritual sight not just about seeing miracles but about bowing our hearts to Jesus?

## **PERSONAL REFLECTION & GROUP DISCUSSION**

- In which group (neighbors, Pharisees, parents, or blind man) do you most see yourself right now?
- Where in your life might you be resisting what Jesus is doing?
- Where is God asking you to move from confusion to conviction or from silence to boldness?
- How can you help others see Jesus more clearly through your story?

## **WORSHIP TOGETHER**

**Song:** Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) – Chris Tomlin

**Link:** <https://youtu.be/QBRwoqJP2sk?si=jTMZUFz4zqBfqQ3g>

## **PRAY TOGETHER**

- Thank God for opening your spiritual eyes and offering you new life.
- Pray for boldness to share your testimony of Jesus with someone this week.