

RealLife-Group Discussion Guide

Getting Started:

- (1) When was time in your life that you failed to see something clearly and it caused you major problems?
- (2) Why is it so easy to fixate on the one bad thing in our lives and fail to see the 100 good things?

Getting Deep:

- (1) The Pharisees asked Jesus for a sign, but missed the many He had already done. What has Jesus already done in your life that you tend to forget about?
- (2) In what ways are we tempted to read and hear about Jesus (in the Bible, church, and culture) and yet miss the true meaning of His life, death, and resurrection?
- (3) What is the greater miracle, opening blind eyes to see or a blind heart to perceive? Why?
- (4) The disciples had been with Jesus during many of His most miraculous moments and yet failed to remember (see vs. 18) what they had seen. How is this possible?

Getting Real:

- (1) What can we do in your daily lives to make sure that we don't forget the great works of God in our lives?
- (2) How did you first believe that Jesus was more than just a human prophet, but was actually the divine Son of God?
- (3) How can we make sure to keep our hearts soft toward God and not miss the point of Jesus' teachings?
- (4) What do you believe God is saying to through this message and passage that He wants you to apply?

Disciple – *The Call to See, Part I*

Mark 7:24-8:21

The Miracles –

Mark 7:24-30

Mark 7:31-37

Mark 8:1-10

The Blindness –

8:11-13

First Blind Spot: We don't see who Jesus is because we're always looking for _____ & miss what He's _____ done.

8:14-17

Second Blind Spot: We see the _____, but don't see the deeper _____ truth because our hearts are hard.

8:18-21

Third Blind Spot: We see what Jesus does in the _____, but quickly forget when something _____ happens.

The Big Idea –

Only Jesus sees _____ and can give us sight to see His full _____ and the full _____ of His work.

So What?

Monday, 9/21/09 Read Mark 7:24-30.

Look: What details in this passage most surprise you about Jesus and his ministry? Why? _____

Look: How does this passage demonstrate the authority of Jesus as the Son of God? _____

Apply: What can you learn from the woman in this story about following Jesus? _____

Tuesday, 9/22/09 Read Mark 7:31-37.

Look: What was the response of the people in this passage to Jesus and his miracles? _____

Look: What is similar and different about this story than the one that precedes it in 7:24-30? _____

Apply: What has Jesus done in your life that amazes you and leads you to say "He has done everything well?" _____

Wednesday, 9/23/09 Read Mark 8:1-10

Look: Compare this narrative with the feeding of the 5,000 in Mark 6:30-44. What is the same and what is different? _____

Look: Make three observations from this passage about the way Jesus trains His disciples: _____

Apply: What is God asking you to do that seems impossible with the limited resources you have? _____

Thursday, 9/24/09 Read Mark 8:11-21.

Look: Why does Jesus get frustrated with the Pharisees? What does their question reveal about their intent? _____

Look: What had the disciples failed to see and understand when they saw Jesus feed the multitudes? _____

Apply: In what ways are we tempted to see Jesus but fail to perceive who He is and what He's doing? _____

Friday, 9/25/09 Read Isaiah 42:18-25.

Look: Summarize the prophetic message from Isaiah in these verses in your own words: _____

Look: What is the ultimate solution to our spiritual deafness and our spiritual blindness? _____

Apply: What has God been trying to say to you lately that you have been slow to hear? _____

Saturday, 9/26/09 Read Mark 1:41, 3:5, 7:34, and 8:12.

Look: Note the different emotions of Jesus in these verses and what caused him to have those emotions? _____

Look: Why is it important to remember that Jesus experienced emotions so deeply? _____

Apply: In what ways are your emotions similar and different to those that Jesus experienced? _____
