

Small Group Questions March 23, 2020

Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41

1. What factors do you consider (what goes into your decision) when you choose to trust the information you receive, whether it is online, print, television, or influence of others? How do you check the authenticity of the information you receive? When you are studying or looking at content online (specifically Christian or theological content); what methods do you use to check if it is sound (in line with God's Word and teaching)?
2. What makes you sure that what you believe about Jesus is true?
3. Do you have a testimony or know someone who has been healed by Jesus? What did you do to check the authenticity of their healing?
4. What is the significance of Jesus healing the blind man, who had never been able to see, in Jerusalem and in the daylight?
5. Have there been moments in your life where you attribute the things that go wrong to God and wonder why He would do this to us? Do you ever see God's hand as a hand of punishment when there are moments like our current pandemic situation (for example: natural disasters or physical ailments)?
6. Just like he did in the story of the healing of the blind man in John 9, Jesus (right now) is taking all of us by the hand and steering us to what God is showing us in His power and love! What is God showing us about Himself during this time of crisis?
7. Would you say that, currently, you know who God is, and what He is doing, and what He is offering?
8. What creative ways can we continue to be the hands, feet, heart, and mind of Jesus during the disruption of our typical social conventions? What are you tangibly doing different now, that is allowing you to stay connected with your loved ones, your neighbors, your church community, that you feel will have a lasting impact on the spiritual well-being of everyone?
9. How have you seen God in your response to the current crisis?