

INTRO

- How do you respond to difficult passages you come across in the Bible?

IDEA 1

Read Mark 8:22-25

- Why do you think Jesus chose to bring healing to the blind man in this way?
- What message do you think he was trying to communicate to his disciples through this gradual healing restoration?
- In what ways can you relate to the disciples and their gradual understanding and revelation of who Jesus is?

IDEA 2

Rob shared that through this passage we see - spiritual growth and healing are often not instantaneous. Just like the gradual healing of the blind man, the disciples journey of illumination of who Jesus is and what they are called too was also gradual.

- Why do you think Jesus often takes a gradual approach with us?
- What stories do you have to share of Jesus' gradual revelation or healing in your life?
- What do you find challenging about the gradual process Jesus often takes us on as part of our healing and spiritual journeys?

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Spend time as a group reflecting on the following questions and write out your responses on a piece of paper, journal or phone.

- **Where do you desire to see Jesus more clearly?**
- **Where do you long for restoration?**

Take these things to God in prayer.

APPLICATION

Start each day by praying the following prayer:

- *Jesus, I want a fresh revelation. Show me where I'm blind to You and to what it takes to follow you.*

Pay attention to the ways in which Jesus may reveal new things about himself this week.