

# king's chapel

## *Community Group Discussion Guide*

Week of May 22, 2016

**This Week's Focus:** Jesus is the light of the world who has the power to heal our physical maladies, lovingly sustain us through suffering and adversity, and heal us from our spiritual blindness.

**This Week's Text:** John 9:1-34

"God has a purpose behind every problem. Regardless of the cause, none of your problems could happen without God's permission. Everything that happen to a child of God is "father-filtered" and he intends to use it for good even when Satan and others mean it for bad. Because God is Sovereignly in control, accidents are just incidents in God's good plan for you. There's a Grand Designer behind everything. Your life is not a result of random chance, fate, or luck. There is a master plan. History is His story. God is pulling the strings." **Rick Warren**

### **Observations and Questions for Discussion:**

- What are your general impressions about this week's passage of Scripture?
- Where are Jesus and his disciples at the beginning of this text? What time of year is it, and what festival had just taken place?
- What prompted the disciples' question? Is this man's blindness directly connected to specific sin? Give some examples (perhaps from your own life) of suffering that results from specific sin. Even when it is not the result of particular sin, why do we experience suffering? What brought about the spiritual, physical, psychological, emotional, and relational disintegration and suffering that is present in the world?
- What was Jesus' answer? What do we learn about the nature of God in this passage? What does it mean that God is sovereign? Ultimately, why does God allow suffering? Reference verses 3-5, 2 Corinthians 12:9. How can we find peace, comfort, and joy when in the midst of suffering?
- What spiritual truth is revealed by this man's healing? What does it mean to be spiritually blind? How is any person healed from spiritual blindness?

- Why do you think Jesus chose to heal the man using mud made from dirt and saliva?
- What is significant about the Pool of Siloam as the place of healing, its history, its connection to the Feast of Booths, and how it points to Jesus' identity and saving power?
- Discuss each of the four conversations between the healed beggar and the Pharisees. What are your observations? Compare and contrast the statements each makes about Jesus.
- How does the passage encourage you to declare and demonstrate the gospel in your community spheres of influence?