

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For week of February 14, 2021

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### MY STORY

Have you ever experienced/witnessed a working of God? How did you respond?

**QUICK REVIEW:** Looking back at this week's teaching, was there a particular point, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you, or raised a question?

### DIGGING DEEPER

Discuss some times that you have gone through trials or suffering.

Why does a loving God permit us to suffer?

Kirk mentioned three reasons for suffering: Corrective purposes; constructive purposes; and opportunities for the works of God to be displayed. Can you describe a time when God used one of the purposes for suffering in your life?

Why did the Pharisees refuse to believe that Jesus had healed the blind man? Is it possible for us to do the same?

The man's parents gave in to peer pressure rather than say what they believed had happened. Have you ever been in a similar situation? How did you handle it?

There is a cost to following Jesus—as the blind man discovered. How do we ready ourselves to pay that cost?

Can you share an instance of Jesus' healing in your life?

When Jesus revealed Himself to the man, he worshipped Him. Describe the importance of worship in your own life.

### PRAYER REQUEST

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## Tips on Group Prayer

Prayer is an important part of being in a Small Group. We've found that group prayer goes better when we follow three simple guidelines:

### **WE PRAY FOR ONE TOPIC AT A TIME**

Anyone in the group is free to introduce a prayer request. Once a request is introduced, the group focuses on that request. Once it's covered, the group moves on to the next topic.

### **PRAY MORE THAN ONCE**

Because the group is focusing on one topic at a time, each person is encouraged to pray several times during the prayer time for those topics they feel most led to pray about. No one is required to pray out loud.

### **WE KEEP OUR PRAYERS SHORT & SIMPLE**

Group prayer goes better when members keep their prayers short and to the point. When someone prays for a long time, it's hard for the other members to stay focused, and long prayers tend to intimidate those who are just learning to pray out loud in a group.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Missionary of the Month** Please pray for Ruth Parajuli as she returns to Nepal this month.

**Mark your Calendar!** We'll be celebrating WPC's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.



## **The Gospel of John---That You May Believe**

### ***The Blind Will See***

John 9:1-41 (ESV) Kirk Greenstreet February 14, 2021

#### **I The Miracle**

- One reason God's people suffer is corrective.
- Another reason for suffering is constructive.
- Our suffering is an opportunity for Jesus to display His divine power.

#### **II The Seeing Man and his Neighbors**

- They believed their own explanation rather than Jesus' miracle.

#### **III The Seeing Man and the Pharisees**

- Their hatred of Jesus kept them from believing in Jesus

#### **IV The Seeing Man's Parents and the Pharisees**

- They chose to fear men rather than glorify God.

#### **V The Seeing Man and the Pharisees Again**

#### **VI The Seeing Man and Jesus**

- Jesus pursued him in order to save him.