

Discussion Starter – What are some of the things you learned from this sermon that signify that we are truly living an abundant life in Christ?

Read John 9:1-41

- Summarize in your own words the deeper spiritual truth Jesus is teaching us about this blind man in verses 1-8?
- How were you created to reveal the works of God? Read Ephesians 2:10. What does this mean?
- Jesus' method of healing this blind man may seem odd, it is not repeated in other healings of the blind. How did Jesus go about healing you of your spiritual blindness?
- Even though Jesus is the initiator in this spiritual and physical healing, what do we see as the required participation of the blind man? What does this represent in our own story of salvation?
- The blind beggar can now see. Why do you think he met with so much resistance from the people around him? What similar reactions have you experience with those who have known you before your transformation in Christ?
- What are some of the significant things you see said by the healed blind man in response to the Pharisees claims against Jesus and himself?
- After the Pharisees cast the man out from among their congregation, Jesus finds and meets him. What does this show us as to the meaning in the life of a new believer? What truth does Jesus reveal to healed man?

Read John 10:1-21

- What are some of the key points you see Jesus is making to illustrate what a good shepherd looks like? How might this enable believers to identify and beware of false teachers?
- What is Jesus revealing to us about Himself and the Pharisees, by Him saying that He is the door in verse 9?
- In contrast to the thief and the robber, Jesus says that He has come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. Explain what you think this mean and what does it look like in your life? Read Psalm 23:1-3. What insights are gained from this passage?
- What are the attributes of Jesus, "The Good Shepherd" we see described in verses 14-18?
- How does gratitude allow us to see the works of God?