

# Discussion Questions Conversations With Jesus Week Eight

Share one word that describes how/where you have been emotionally this week. Expand on that word with a 3-4 sentence explanation.

# Read John 9:1-5

What do you notice in these opening verses?

Why do you think the disciples don't see this man or only see him as a theological question? How, in our world, do we look past people's pain by blaming them for their situation? Why is it often easier for us to fully put their situation back on them?

## Read John 9:6-7

Why does Jesus heal the man in this weird way that mirrors the creation of humanity in Genesis 2?

What is the message here?

Why do you think he asks the man to go all the way to this pool before he is healed?

# Read John 9:8-12

What do you think is going on here? What is the fact that they don't recognize him pointing out?

#### Read John 9:13-16

By doing this on the Sabbath, what is Jesus' message to us about the real intention of the Sabbath?

Jesus does something so good & right & noble here, yet people are divided about him. What about Jesus and his message is so divisive?

## Read John 9:17-23

This section is about the cost/risk/danger of embracing the light of Jesus. What is the message here, and how does it apply to you/us?

# Read John 9:24-34

This man's courage is compared to his parent's cowardice. Where does openly following Jesus require courage and sacrifice from you?

In the end, they try to hold his past against him. Do you ever feel like your past is used (by you or others) to hold you back from following Jesus and being the new you?

## Read John 9:35-41

In this passage, we see the progression of this man's faith from "the man Jesus" to "Messiah/Savior/Lord."

How are you progressing/growing in your faith these days?

The last statement Jesus makes tells us that prideful know-it-alls stay in the darkness while humble people who know they are in need find the light.

How does this reality need to play out in the church? In you?