

### **"Blinded by the Light"**

*As a foundation for this discussion, read the healing of the man born blind, John 9:1–12.*

1. Now read John 9:16 and 10:19–21. Why do you think it is that people can draw such divergent conclusions from the same evidence?

John wrote this, and the other signs in his Gospel, so that you might believe in Jesus. However, read the warnings in Mark 13:21–23 and 2 Thessalonians 2:9–12. How can you discern whether a sign is deceptive or from God?

2. Compare John 9:39–41 with 3:16–21. What factors determine whether the work of Christ results in "sight" or "blindness" in a person?

We all have our blind spots and, by definition, you don't recognize your current blind spots. Tell of a past blind spot you once had. What factors contributed to your blindness and what helped you finally to see more clearly in that area?

3. "While I am in the world, I am the light of the world" (John 9:5). Why does Jesus qualify this statement with the clause, "while I am in the world"? Was he the light of the world only during his earthly ministry?

Read Ephesians 5:8–14. How can followers of Jesus today be "light" in the world? (For greater clarity of what Paul has in mind, scan the paragraphs before, verse 3–7, and after, verses 15–20.)

### **Recurring Questions**

- » How have you seen God working in your life or the lives of those around you this week?
- » What prayer requests would you like to share with the group, including prayer for any spiritual struggles you may be experiencing?