

# This is Him

## The Ministry of Jesus

### Leader Conversation Guide – This is Him: Part I

#### Main Idea

This week, Pastor Curt started a new mini-series, titled "This is Him," focusing on the life and ministry of Jesus. From time to time we all lose our way. Whether it be in our marriage, at work, with your kids, finances, or some other relationship. You didn't mean to, but somewhere along the way you took a wrong turn. You feel like you've gone so far off track that you will never regain what you once had. In Mark 8:22-26, we read about a man who had lost his sight. We don't know how he ended up in this position, but he knew that Jesus could restore his vision. Christ offers us restored vision in our lives as well. Besides salvation, the greatest gift God can give you is clarity. We are never too far gone from Christ for Him to restore us to who He created us to be, and to see His plan for our lives.

**"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd."**

Matthew 9:36 NIV

#### Make it Practical

- **Jesus takes us to His place.** God has to get our attention to give us His direction. If you are not hearing the voice of God in your life, God has not stopped speaking. We have stopped listening. There are too many competing voices. It's just like parenting kids, if you are going to give direction you must first get their attention.
- **Jesus takes us through His process.** God's kingdom is counterintuitive. If you want to find your life, you have to lose. If someone asks for your shirt, give them your coat. If someone asks you to walk a mile, walk two. Trust the process! Sometimes the process of where we are to where God wants us to be can be messy. And that is why so many leave or quit. Focus on the Master, not the miracle.
- **Jesus wants to give us His perspective.** If you have lost vision for your life, be encouraged, God has not! The key if we need to see it through His lens, Romans 12 tells us to "...let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think." Belief drives behavior. You have to stop believing the lies that have crept into your life. There is a world waiting for us to recapture our vision!

## Talk About It

- Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
- What area of your life do you need to surrender to the Lord?
- Read Psalm 146:8. How does humility before the Lord help us to have better vision?

**"Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay,  
You are the potter; we are all the work of your  
hand."**

Isaiah 64:8 NLT

## Prayer

Father, thank You that no matter what I am facing in life, I can always come to You. You are my Creator and know me far better than I even know myself. Help me in both my weakness and my strength to follow the vision you have for my life. Teach me to trust You, even in the midst of my uncertainties. In Jesus' name, amen.

## Leader Tip

Invite Group Members to our Good Friday Night of Worship – April 7th at 7:00p at the Greenfield location.