

# Growth Group Discussion Guide

## Week of February 11

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### **Our Scripture: John 9:1-41**

#### **Ice Breaker**

How old were you when you first needed glasses? Why did you need them?

#### **Quick review**

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

#### **Digging Deeper**

1. Read John 9:35-38. Compare these verses to John 20:30-31. How does our story today relate to the purposes for which John wrote his gospel?
2. The Pharisees conflicted with Jesus, questioning his authority, whether he was doctrinally orthodox and faithful to God's laws. Read John 9:3-4. What does Jesus teach persons of faith who are paralyzed by the need for control through religion?
3. Read John 9:5-6. Of what part of the Bible does this remind you?
  - How might these verses remind us of the beginning of the season of Lent?
4. Read John 9:7 What did the pool of "Siloam" mean? How does this relate to the purposes of John's gospel?

#### **Media Mix - Helen Keller Speaks**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ch\\_H8pt9M8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ch_H8pt9M8)

The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision.

~Helen Keller

## **Bringing It Home**

1. Tell about someone who lives or lived with physical challenges who has encouraged you.
2. Together brainstorm a list of 10 ideas of ways an individual or group might “do the works of him who sent Jesus.”
  - Which of these ideas will your serve project involve?

## **Prayer Time**

Think about your vision for our faith community at Atonement. Talk about some things you’d like to pray for. The HOST will close this conversation with prayer.

## **Housekeeping**

1. Handout, review and sign your group covenant.
2. Talk about your serve project this winter cycle. What will you do? When will you do it? Do you want to pursue a Thrivent grant? (requires application 21 days in advance).