

GROUP

DISCUSSION GUIDE

August 14th, 2022

WARM UP

Two blind men followed Jesus and you know it was not easy for these blind men to follow Jesus, but they did (see. Matt. 9:27-28). We suspect that they had to ask others where Jesus was going, and they had to listen to every sound that might guide them. How have you been like those two blind men? What have been some of the obstacle you have had to overcome discover Jesus?

READ

Matt. 9:27-31

ASK

- To quote Charles Spurgeon, "A dark cloud is no sign that the sun has lost his light; and dark black convictions are no arguments that God has laid aside His mercy." Pastor Larry spoke of how anxiety has exceeded almost every family table. Think about the times you have been in darkness. How did Jesus bring light into that darkness?
- In Isaiah 41:10 we read "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Dealing with depression can be scary. How does this verse remind you that with God on your side there's nothing to fear?
- Read Roman 8:38-39. What is the Good News to be found there for us to understand when we find ourselves in the darkness of depression in our life or in the lives of our family members and friends?
- Read 2 Cor. 1:3-4. What is the Good News that we cattake comfort in knowing about God when we feel that we are alone and that no one cares about us?
- There's no doubt that depression can feel like a huge weight weighing us down. What does Matthew 11:28-30, Isaiah 40:31, and Deuteronomy 31:8 tell us about what God calls us to do?

PRAY