# **Home Group Discussion Guide**

# **Trees Walking Around**

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The following questions are designed to help groups explore the message above by challenging participants to consider how God is wanting them to apply it to their lives.

The questions are a **guide** to help lead discussion.

**Please don't feel that all questions need to be asked**, instead respond to the needs of your group. If you have new people in your group, take the opportunity to introduce each other and clarify any expectations that are present in your group (such as confidentiality).

#### **GETTING STARTED**

- 1. "Healing" can be a loaded word, carrying specific expectations and assumptions in various Christian contexts. What has been one positive or negative experience you have had with this word in a faith context?
- 2. What was the main challenge or idea that stood out to you from the message on Sunday?

## **REFLECTING ON THE MESSAGE**

Key Scripture: Mark 8:22-26

(Read Mark 8:22-24)

1. What feelings or questions initially emerge (or could emerge) when it appears that the man hasn't been healed fully?

(Read Mark 8:25-26)

- 2. Beyond physical healing, what are some areas you can identify in society where there is pain/brokenness that needs God's restoration? Is there area of healing that particularly resonates with you, and why?
- 3. While we see both examples in Jesus' ministry, most people will not experience immediate transformative healing but rather healing over time. What can you identify as the strengths and weaknesses of:
  - a. Immediate transformative healing
  - b. Healing over time
- 4. Is there an experience of your own healing (call it "growth" or "becoming more Christ-like" if that helps) that you are willing to share?
  - a. How did Jesus "take you by the hand" through that time?
  - b. When he asked, "Do you see anything?" what did you see through that time?
  - c. Was it a challenge to allow him to continue that work "once again"?

### RESPONDING TO THE MESSAGE

- 1. Is there an area of life that you need to bring to Jesus for healing, or healing again?
- 2. Do you have a role to play in someone else's life, as a witness to healing over time, something that perhaps they cannot see themselves?

#### **OPPORTUNITY FOR PRAYER**

Our Home Groups are the primary place for pastoral care to occur within the Church. We would encourage you to take the opportunity to pray for each other in this space.

