



Discussion Guide for “God Goggles”

Broken Promises Week 4

What makes a good leader? A good boss? A good partner? A good Christian? In a world with so many competing ideas of what's worth imitating, it can be hard to know what God's way is. The stories of King David's anointing and Jesus' healing of a man born blind remind us that God's values are upside down from the culture around us. So how can we be sure we're seeing things God's way?

Passage for Sacred Reading:

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. Get a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week's sacred reading is John 9.

Questions for Discussion

1. Are you an art fan? What is your favorite kind of art? What kinds of art criticism confuse you?
2. What made people want Saul as king? Why do you think God cautioned Samuel against this sort of thinking when he was going to meet David?
3. Review John 9. Make note of all the ways various people refer to Jesus throughout the story. What do you notice?
4. Read John 1:1-18. Make a list of how Jesus is described here, then compare it to your list from question 3. Who is right about Jesus? Who is wrong? What does that tell you?
5. Why is it ironic that the man born blind sees who Jesus is? Read John 3:16-21. How do you see this played out in the man's story?
6. Think of yourself as compared to the man born blind. What is your story of Jesus? Why might people try to dismiss or discredit your story? What does it look like for you to tell the truth about Jesus?