This study guide is designed to help you dig deeper into the weekend message and apply it to your life. The questions below are meant to encourage thoughtful reflection, discussion, and prayer for you, and your Life Group.

**PRAY** [Have someone open in prayer.]

**MESSAGE SUMMARY**
This week at Fair Oaks Church we heard from guest preacher Howard McMahon Sr. We learned about the story in John 9, where Jesus heals a man who was born blind, and how the religious Pharisees responded.

**KEY SCRIPTURE** [Read aloud]
As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” 3 “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. 4 As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. 5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” 6 After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. 7 “Go,” he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means “Sent”). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. 8 His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, “Isn’t this the same man who used to sit and beg?” 9 Some claimed that he was. Others said, “No, he only looks like him.” But he himself insisted, “I am the man.” 10 “How then were your eyes opened?” they asked. 11 He replied, “The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and I could see.” [John 9:1-11 NIV]

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**
1. What stood out to you from this weekend’s message or key scripture?
2. Can you share about a time in your life when you most strongly experienced God doing something on your behalf? How did you respond? How have other people responded when you tell them about what God has done in your life?
3. What do you think Jesus means by his answer to his question about the man’s blindness: “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him.” What might that look like today?
4. Have someone in your group read John 9:13-16 and John 9:24-33. What do you think about how the Pharisees responded to this miracle of Jesus compared to how the healed man responds? Which are you most like? Why?
5. How might you learn to share your story or a testimony about God more freely?

**PRAY** [Close your time in prayer. Allow time to pray for any needs in your group.]
Close your time by asking God to help you and your group to continue to grow in your openness to allowing God to work in you and use that to bring glory to God through you.