

# High School Discussion Guide

Seeing 20/20 After 2020: For the week of January 3 - 9, 2021

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## Main Thought and Scriptures:

2020 was a crazy and hectic year for mostly (if not) everyone. Many people entered the year full of faith and vision for their lives, but because of everything that was going on around them, their vision became blurred. In Mark 8, Jesus heals a man whose vision had become blurred physically; and from their interaction we can learn how Jesus wants to heal our vision spiritually.

*"When they arrived at Bethsaida, some people brought a blind man to Jesus, and they begged him to touch the man and heal him. <sup>23</sup>Jesus took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village. Then, spitting on the man's eyes, he laid his hands on him and asked, 'Can you see anything now?' <sup>24</sup>The man looked around. 'Yes,' he said, 'I see people, but I can't see them very clearly. They look like trees walking around.' <sup>25</sup>Then Jesus placed his hands on the man's eyes again, and his eyes were opened. His sight was completely restored, and he could see everything clearly." (Mark 8:22-25 NLT)*

From Mark 8, we learn that Jesus will restore our "vision" if we:

- Express our needs to Him (v. 22)
- Get away from the things that are getting in the way of our vision (v. 23)
- Keep following and trusting in Jesus even when His answer looks different than the answer we expect, or when His timing is different than the timing we expect (v. 23,25)

## Discussion Questions:

- What stood out to you from the main thought or scripture? Why? How does that relate to your life?
- What are some areas in your life that are getting in the way of seeing God's vision for your life clearly? How can you remove yourself from that vision-blurring environment, and place yourself in a more vision-clarifying environment?
- What is a vision that God has placed in your life for 2021? What some steps can you start taking towards that vision? How can you make sure to keep your vision clear (focused on God) throughout that process?

## Prayer:

- Pray for each other that God would help you see the areas that are getting in the way of seeing Him clearly, and that He would help you find environments that help you see Him and His will for your life more clearly (answer for question 2).
- Pray over each other's vision for 2021, and that God would help you remain focused on Him throughout that process (answer for question 3).