

# ***Remaining in Christ: Jesus' "I am" statements in the Gospel of John***

## **Session IV**

### **Questions for Reflection**

#### **The Light of the World (John 8 and 9)**

*These questions are deep, and you will need to spend some time reflecting before you answer. We suggest you choose one or two questions each day and work on them throughout the week.*

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1. The question that the Pharisees ask in verse 40 is one that pushes all of us toward deeper realization of who Jesus is, for us and for the world, and deeper faithfulness in our response to him. But, with the confidence of faith, we may ask the question with even more vulnerability. Instead of asking, "Surely, we are not blind, are we?" we may ask, "Lord, show me where I am blind. Show us, as a community, where we are blind." How do you think Jesus would respond to that question, with honesty and compassion? What would you need to do to respond wholeheartedly to his answer?
2. The practice of discerning what God is doing around and through us is a basic Christian practice that we can deepen together. Think about the tasks that occupy your day (caring for your family, working, interacting with people in your community). Where do you see God's power at work in those places, to heal, to restore, to bring fullness of life? What are some concrete ways that you could deepen your discipleship by paying closer attention to what God is doing in the world through and around you? Now extend that observation to ministries of your church. What is God doing in and through those ministries? Are some of them especially strong channels for God's life-giving power? Now extend your consideration even to some of the major institutions of your town (schools, libraries, parks, the work of City Council, police, firefighters, EMS, hospitals, shelters, the justice system, major commercial enterprises, etc.). Can you tell a story about a time when you saw the power of God being channeled through one of these agencies, institutions, or deliberative bodies?

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scribbles, or drawings as you reflect

