



## 4-15-18 Sermon Discussion Guide “Beyond Belief!”



### **Context**

It's Camp Sunday! In our sermon, we are exploring the theme that the camp will teaching all summer long. God is beyond belief and does wonderous things that are beyond belief. There we can come to God, asking anything, maybe even the questions that deal with our own belief or struggles. And God can handle it all!

### **Checking In**

Since the last time your group has met, how have each of you experienced God at work? What have you celebrated? What have you mourned?

### **Introduction**

What's a question you've never been able to answer in life?

### **Discussing the Text – John 9:1-25**

1. Why are the Pharisees upset that this man got healed?
2. Why would the blind man's parents not be willing to answer the questions of the Pharisees?
3. What is the reason that gives for why this man was born blind in verse 3. Do you buy it?
4. What does Jesus mean when he says that he is the light of the world in verse 5?
5. What does the healed blind man say in verse 25 in response to the Pharisees' question? Have you ever had an experience similar to the blind man's where the only response you could say was similar to his?
6. What do you think is the underlying assumption behind all of the questions from the Pharisees? What are they assuming about the relationship between suffering and sin?

### **So what?**

1. Is it good or bad to question God? Are there some questions that are better than others to ask?
2. What do you believe is the impact of asking questions of God? Is it productive or destructive?
3. Are some things in life not meant to be questioned? If so, how do we know what should or shouldn't be questioned?
4. Is there a difference between questioning and doubt? Is one better than the other?
5. Can questions get in the way of our being faithful to God? Why or why not? How might questions and obedience be related to one another?
6. How does this passage give you hope?
7. How does this passage challenge you?
8. How can you apply this passage to your life this week?

### **Prayer**

Have the group share any prayer requests or prayers of thanksgiving they may have. Then invite the group to take their questions to God this week in prayer. Empower the group to take their questions, uncertainties, and doubts to God throughout the week.