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| <b>Theme &amp; Passage(s)</b>   | <b>Healing Vision</b><br>John 9   |
| <b>Welcome</b>                  | Last week we were thinking about what we might need to work on in sharing our faith (availability, starting a conversation, etc) - catch up with one another about this.  |
| <b>Worship</b>                  | <p>Our passage contains one of the seven 'I am sayings' of Jesus in John's gospel (I am the light of the world). Can you recall the other six between you? Write each one on a separate piece of paper and place these in the middle of the room, visible to all. Let these amazing statements prompt your reflections and your prayers as a group (perhaps you could each share which of them is important for you right now and why).</p> <p>OR</p> <p>See alternative under 'working it out' below.</p>  |
| <b>Word/ Read &amp; Reflect</b> | <p>The passage is a long one this week. You might like to go for a dramatic reading - with a narrator and people taking different parts. Alternatively, divide the passage between several readers.</p> <p>After the reading, give yourselves some time to share your reactions to the passage and see where that leads you...</p> <p>There were three sermons yesterday on this passage. Share together what stayed with you. (If you heard different sermons that will make for a richer time of sharing!)</p> <p>What might we learn from the way Jesus acts towards the man born blind?</p> <p>What might we learn from the man born blind (consider his journey and his responses)?</p> <p>What might we learn about the ways our vision (spiritual) can be restricted and therefore need healing? Consider both the disciples (verses 2-4) and the Pharisees.</p> |
| <b>Working it out</b>           | <p>In Steve's sermon he used a number of images that illustrated ways in which our vision might be restricted: there was a narrow view contrasted with a wide vista, a cluttered window, a dirty window and a building in which the windows were boarded up. You could talk about how these speak to you and in what ways you desire your own vision to be healed. The powerpoint with those images is available along with these notes on our website. <b>You could, alternatively, use the powerpoint images to prompt a meditation as a worship activity earlier in the evening.</b></p> <p>Spend some time praying for one another in the light of all you have shared in the meeting.</p>  |