Lent Journey: Week 4 (preparing for Sunday, March 26)

Each week you will be given new scripture readings and discussion guide questions to facilitate your journey. We invite you to use these readings and discussion guide to deepen your Lenten experience.

Scripture Readings:

- 1 Samuel 16:1-13
- Ephesians 5:8-14
- John 9:1-41

Discussion Guide Questions:**

- What qualities do you think God was looking for in a new king? What did God see when he looked into David's heart? How is your heart today?
- If God sees the heart and knows the depth of our heart, what, if anything, do we bring to the light in our own confessions and why?
- How can you tell the difference between a fake confession and a genuine one? How can we meaningfully repent of the larger, systemic issues that we are a part of?
- The man who had been born blind risks his relationship with his parents and with the wider community represented by the synagogue. What risks do you face today in believing and worshipping Jesus?

FAMILY LENT LINK:

Use this idea in discussion with your family, including your children.

- Many children enjoy coloring as a quiet activity, and now adults are rediscovering coloring to express creativity, reduce stress, and have some fun. For some, coloring can also be a form of prayer as they meditate and listen to God. Spend some time coloring this week. As you color, pay particular attention to *chiaroscuro,* the interplay between light and dark. Which portions will you make darker, lighter, or leave uncolored, and why? What does it mean for God to be "light"?

**The "discussion guide questions" can be used in a way that best fits your schedule. Here are some suggestions:

- Use as an independent guide in your daily devotional time.
- Plan a time to schedule devotions for your household.
- Form your own discussion group at a time and place that works for you.
- Participate in the Tuesday morning Bible Study group at church at 9 a.m. with Pastor Dianne.Participate in the Wednesday morning coffee & conversation group at Lakes Latte' at 8:30 a.m. with Andrea.