Do you know you can see without actually seeing? It's like hearing babbling from a toddler just learning to talk and not understanding the words they are saying. As we are learning to be *For The One*, we are called to really see people. One of the greatest gifts we can offer another human is to see them for who they are.

## **OPENING**

- Invite someone from the group to briefly (2–3 minutes) share about a time someone saw them as "the one", aka someone who gave them extra love, encouragement, or care.
- Recall a time you thought you were paying attention...but later realized you completely missed something important.

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

- Empowered by the Holy Spirit, the disciples were witnesses for Jesus and healed people in Jesus' name. Read Matthew 21:14–15, Acts 3:1–8 and Acts 4:5–10. Make a list of ways these stories parallel one another and ways they differ.
- Why do you think God chose to repeat this type of miracle through Peter? What does that say about how the Holy Spirit empowered the early church?
- The "crippled man" was placed at the temple gate every day (Acts 3:2), so Peter and John would likely have seen the man many times. What caused Peter and John to see him differently this time?

## HOLY SPIRIT FOCUS

- In this series so far, what have you learned about or been reminded of regarding the Holy Spirit? Complete this brief survey on your Awareness of the Holy Spirit and discuss as a group.
  - For The One Vision: Holy Spirit Awareness Survey https://bit.ly/sovspiritsurvey
- We see the healing of the crippled man in Acts 3 as a continuation of Jesus' ministry through the Holy Spirit. How does this inform your understanding of the Spirit's work in and through us today?
- Romans 8:11 says the same power that raised Jesus lives in His followers. How is the Holy Spirit empowering you to love people more in your daily life?

## **CLOSING: PRAYER OF EXAMEN**

Begin by getting comfortable and relaxing—notice your breath and settle your posture. Spend time individually reflecting on the following:

- **Gratitude:** Thank you, Lord, for the people I interacted with in the last 24 hours.
- Awareness: Show me where I truly noticed someone for who they are.
- Confession: Bring to mind the one I may have overlooked today.
- **Imagination:** Invite the Holy Spirit to help you picture what it might look like to notice that person fully next time.
- **Prayer:** Pray for that person now, and ask God to give you eyes to truly see in your next opportunity.
- Share with the group what your experience was like.

