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# **DISCUSSION GUIDE:**

# PASTOR BLACKBURN & PASTOR SELLERS "MORE THAN A STORY" - PART 2

### AS THE DISCUSSION LEADER, THERE ARE A FEW THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND FOR YOUR SMALL GROUP:

- Pray for your group discussion time!
- Review your notes from the Sunday message and familiarize yourself with the discussion questions prior to your group meeting.
- Choose a few questions from the guide which you feel will generate the most discussion in your group.

### **GETTING TO KNOW ME (ICEBREAKER):**

- Who's your favorite college football team?
- Where's your favorite place to eat in Lakeland?

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- Have someone read Mark 8:1-31.
- Pastor said in His message, "How you see, or view things, determines your stress, your success, your stability, your strength it determines everything in your life." What do you think about that statement? Explain.
- Pastor said in His message, "Every miracle has a message in it." In relation to Mark 8, what was Jesus trying to teach the disciples?
  - o Here's another: "Blindness is a metaphor for a closed mind."
    - Ask yourself the question, "What is it that keeps me from seeing clearly?"
      - Pride (Proverbs 13:10)
      - Short-term thinking
      - Short-term memory

Which one of these is your stumbling block?

- How often do I forget all of the answered prayers and all of the miracles God has given me? Explain. (Ephesians 1:18)
- o Pastor said in his message, there are three conditions for a miracle:
  - Miracles happen when somebody cares.
  - Miracles happen when we get close to Jesus.
  - Miracles happen when we trust Jesus to lead us.
  - Out of the three conditions, which one comes naturally to you? Which one is a struggle?
  - What is the most significant statement that you remember from Sunday's message?

### **PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES:**

Austin & Jennifer Jones (Aiden and Wyatt) – Alaska Sam & Janice Mayeski - Caribbean

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Monday, September 21 Go to victorylakeland.org to find a small group.
- Wednesday, September 23 Don't forget, all Victory Life classes, support groups, Royal Rangers, Girl's Ministry, and VSC have kicked-off! (6:30 PM)
- Saturday, September 26 We will be live-streaming "The Return" prayer movement in the Sanctuary from 9 AM to 5 PM.
- Sunday, September 27 Join us for GrowTrack each Sunday morning, in Mezz. 8, at 10:45. You will learn about the Vision and Mission of Victory Church.