

## Small Group Study Sheet

March 24, 2024

1. Last Sunday, we read Paul's description of a 'veil' that covers the hearts of those who do not believe in Jesus. Jesus uses a similar word picture in **Matthew 23**. Read **verses 13-28** for a sampling of what Jesus has to say to the religious leaders of His day. In what ways were they 'blind'? Are there any of these areas where we struggle today? Read also **verses 37-38**. Is there any connection between Jesus' discussion of blindness and these thoughts from Jesus?
2. On Wednesday night, we witnessed a number of Hopers get baptized. Each one declared that they had trusted Jesus as their Lord and Savior. This means that they knew they were lost without Him and needed to trust Him and receive Him. **Psalms 40** is a song with ideas that are along the same lines. Read this song and write down what you most identify with in your relationship with Jesus. Where do you need to grow in relation to what David shares in this psalm?
3. This Sunday, we talked about how Satan blinds those who are lost. In contrast, knowing Jesus is about living and walking in the light. Read **1 John 1:5-7**. What does this tell us about what is normal for believers? What are some practical steps a Christian can take to 'walk in the light'?