



# FRONT YARD PEOPLE

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**Grow Deep Conversation Questions:** Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90 minute group gathering.

**Message Recap:** It might be easier in the short-term to be “backyard” people, but what if God wants to stretch and challenge us to grow and be front yard people by seeing people as people not problems.

## » Opening

(2-3 minutes)

- Introductions - this is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members
- Housekeeping - clarify expectations
  - **Announcements:** These are in your Community News email. **Please read and communicate! Encourage participation!**
  - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting
  - **Remember there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - open your time together in prayer

## » Introduction

(12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: Share with your group a time when you were lost. It could be as a child or just last week. How did you feel?
- Digging Deeper: What is your reaction when someone around is lost?

## » Observation | Read Luke 18:35-43

(12 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to this passage? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

## » Key Principle | Choose to see people, even when they can't.

(12 minutes)

- Often times people aren't willing to ask for help. What are some ways you can notice people and meet a need, even if they don't ask?.

## » The Blind Man | Reread Luke 18:35-38

(12 minutes)

- The blind man was bold enough to ask for help. What are the needs of the people around you? What is your response?
- The blind man was completely helpless - who is helpless in your life, even if it's less obvious?

## » The Blind Crowd | Reread Luke 18:39-40

(12 minutes)

- Who are the people who you would consider in your “Moral Circle?” Who is not? What is the difference?
- Why do you think we treat different people in different ways? Do you think the Church is more like the crowd or Jesus? Why?

## » The Vision of Jesus | Reread Luke 18:41-43

(12 minutes)

- Jesus' response to the blind man was to stop what he was doing to help him. As Jesus' followers, what should our response be to people in need?
- What was the crowd's response when the man was healed? How do you think the man might have been treated after being healed?

## » Closing and Prayer |

(15minutes)

- What are some ways you can be more available to your neighbors? What is something practical you can do to serve those close to you? Share some ideas with your group and then **check in with one another** throughout the remainder of the series.
- Close by praying for one another to be honest about the gates in their lives and the people who need them to open up their hearts.