

## CONNECT

Do you wear glasses or contacts? If so, when did you first notice you needed them?

## LEARN & APPLY

Read 1 Samuel 16:7; Matthew 9:9-13 and reflect on the following statement:

Community of Grace Ministries embraces the undeniable truth that God loves and values all people - no exceptions. This truth is manifested clearly in the person of Jesus, who modeled unconditional, boundless love. There are no outsiders to Jesus' love, no us versus them, only people God seeks to invite into his family. This is Grace!

Convicted by this Holy Purpose and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are aligned to four core value statements that drive our actions and decisions:

*We will see people the way Jesus sees people*

*We will love people the way Jesus loves people*

*We will serve people the way Jesus serves people*

*We will teach people the way Jesus teaches people*

This is our Holy Calling: to follow Jesus as a community of his Grace, and to help others know Jesus through us.

- How does this statement reflect the way Jesus interacts with Matthew and Peter?
- What do you think is the difference between looking at outward appearances and looking at the heart?
- Who are the hardest people for you to see the way Jesus sees them? Why do you think this is?

## PRAY

Holy Spirit, fill me with the grace of Jesus. Fill me with the love of Jesus. Fill me with the power of Jesus. Fill me with the life of Jesus. All for your glory, Jesus. Amen.

