## **Next Steps:**

Matthew 20:29-34 gives an exciting account of a portion of Jesus' healing ministry.

Compare these different stories of Jesus healing the blind.

Matthew 20:29-34

Mark 8:22-26

John 9:1-12

What are the things they share in common? What are the differences? What do these difference tell you about the gift of healing?

People believe many things about the validity of miraculous healing. Some people are skeptical that Jesus and his followers did these things. Others may believe Jesus and the early Apostles could heal people, but those gifts passed away over time.

What does 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 say about the gift of healing?

All healing is temporary healing because all people will eventually die. According to 1 Corinthians 15:50-58 why is death a good thing?

**Next Week:** We look forward to continuing our time in the book of Matthew as Jesus enters his final days in Jerusalem. These final nine chapters of Matthew give an account of the last seven days of Jesus' ministry in Israel. As we will see, much of His teaching ministry is done through "parables." Please join us on August 18 as we take a closer look at the purpose and meaning of several of these parables found in Matthew 21-22.