

## John 9—Reflection Questions

- The rabbis and chief priests during Jesus' time had taken Scripture and manipulated it to fit their words....Don't we have the same today? People label gays, lesbians, and transgendered people as distorted human beings....How would Jesus meet different people today?....Immigrants, people of color, women are still being treated as second class citizens....How would Jesus meet people today?
- Rebecca's story raises questions about religious authority. Some women today live in two churches, caught in a love-hate relationship. Others seek alternative forms of prayer and spiritual nurture outside of institutional structures. How do you handle this tension, discerning what to honor in your religious tradition, and what may be harmful? Or, what in your tradition is life giving? What is death-dealing?
- Think of the burden of guilt you may carry from the past. Are you able to silence the condemning voices within yourself? Allow yourself to spend time with your God, silence your thoughts and your speech. Listen deeply to this God who loves you personally and unconditionally.