



I AM the Light of the World

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Life Group Discussion Questions:

1. Thinking back on this week's sermon, is there something you recall that caught your attention or that you found challenging or confusing?
2. **John 7** relates that Jesus was in Jerusalem for a very special celebration: the Feast of Tabernacles (sometimes called the Feast of Booths). Read **Exodus 13:17-22** (referred to in the Lenten Study Guide, page 26). Why was the Feast of Tabernacles a time of great rejoicing every year?
3. Read **John 8:12-20**. What are the followers of Jesus promised in **verse 12**?
4. Discuss these questions (Study Guide, page 23):
 - Why did the Pharisees question what Jesus said in **John 8:12**? Who was Jesus claiming to be?
 - How did Jesus respond to the Pharisees? What did He mean?
5. Read **Isaiah 9:2**. What "great light" was Isaiah prophesying about? Who are the people living in "the land of the shadow of death?"
6. Read **Isaiah 49:6** (see Study Guide, page 24). Then read **Acts 13:46-48**. How did the Apostle Paul apply **Isaiah 49:6**?
7. In **John 9:6** Jesus again tells his disciples that he is the light of the world. When he is asked whose sin caused a man nearby to be blind from birth, Jesus spits on the ground, makes mud, then puts the mud on the man's eyes. What does **verse 7** say the man did, and why is that important? After being questioned at length about how he regained his sight, what was this man's conclusion about Jesus, given in **verses 32-33**? How does this man's conclusion support Jesus' claim to be "the light of the world?"
8. The sermon pinpointed three truths about the Light:
 1. Jesus (the Son of God) is the Light of the world. Read **John 1:1-5**. What do these verses say about Jesus as the Word, life and light?
 2. We need the Light. Read **John 16:7-11**. How does the Spirit of Jesus apply the light of Jesus to our lives?
 3. We (the children of God) are the Light of the world. Read **Matthew 5:14-16** and **Ephesians 5:8**. Explain how followers of Jesus are children of light.

Next Step: Continue using the Lenten Study Guide to help you apply God's truth to your life.

Prayer: Continue asking Jesus to help you listen, follow and fully surrender to Him.
Thank Jesus for being the light of your world.

Verse to Remember: *Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."* **John 8:12**