



John 8:12 "I am the light of the world"

Write in your own words how you have come to know Jesus as the "light of the world".

HAVE SOME PEOPLE TO SHARE WHAT THEY WROTE

What does knowing Jesus is the light of the world mean to you?

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- ❖ Read John Chapter 8:1-11 and 12-30

John 8:1-11 is the account of the woman caught in adultery. Jesus illuminates sin to all those who stand in judgment of her. He also illuminates repentance and forgiveness to the woman. Later on Jesus declares this powerful truth in His teaching, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Just as He had instructed the woman in verse 11 (neither do I condemn you... go now and leave your life of sin) He now declares to all of us in verse 12 (whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but have the light of life). Can you picture in your mind the light of life that entered this woman's heart after being saved by Jesus? **Discuss this story and how the woman was probably impacted by her encounter with Jesus.**

- ❖ According to the teachings of Jesus, how should knowing Jesus as the light of the world change your life?

Knowing Jesus should move me from darkness (sin and hopelessness) and I should walk through my life in hope and righteousness through Christ. My life should reflect me encounter with Jesus.

- ❖ Read John 1:4-9. How does verse 9 connect with Jesus' teaching found in John 8:12?

John 1:9 says that true light gives light to every man. This means that Jesus, the true light of the world should shine into my life and I should reflect that light in how I live.

- ❖ Read John 3:19-21. How do these teachings of Jesus help your understanding of Jesus as the light of the world?

It is natural for man to reject the light because of sin men love the darkness rather than the light. But when we embrace the encounter with the light of truth we are changed and it is plain to see what God has done.

- ❖ Read John 9:4-5 is another passage where Jesus reveals himself as the Light of the World

- ❖ Read 1 John 1:5-9. This is a powerful truth to all of us. Does this verse pierce your soul?

Read these verses out loud and ask the group to comment on them. These verses are some of the most powerful truths we can encounter. Reading this truth and seeking God through these words is a direct encounter with God.

God does not want us to live in darkness. We must confess our sins, receive forgiveness and begin to live in His light.

- ❖ What does Jesus want you to do with this truth?

Let people share what God is telling them to do and pray together.

As we read a few weeks ago in John 8:36 Jesus says, "so if the Son sets you free you are free indeed." Live in the freedom and walk in the illumination from the Light of the World!

Daily Reading Plan through the Gospel of John

- Day 1 – Memory Verse: John 8:12
- Day 2 – John 6:25-59
- Day 3 – John 7:1-24
- Day 4 – John 7:25-52
- Day 5 – John 8:1-11
- Day 6 – John 8:12-59
- Day 7 – John 9:1-41