

The Heart of the Matter

12. How is following Jesus like following someone with a light through a dark place for you?

13. How do people you know misunderstand Jesus? How do their lives exemplify darkness? How can you be a light-bearer to them?

14. Are you currently walking in darkness right now? What was(is) it like to walk in the darkness without the light of Christ in your life?

15. Are you walking in the light of Christ right now? What are you able to see now that you couldn't before you came to the light?

Praises and Prayer Requests:



Life Group Study Guide

The Light of the World John 8:12-30 For the Week of October 8, 2023

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. What is your most vivid memory as a child in a dark place (cave, tunnel, power outage)?
3. What feelings and thoughts do you associate with darkness?

Digging Deeper

4. In verse 12 what is Jesus really claiming? What is the promise He makes?

5. What do you think Jesus is ultimately referring to by using the words “light” and “darkness”?

6. In verse 13 the Pharisees once again challenge Jesus. How does Jesus bolster his claim through the following verses in this passage (see 5:31-40)?

7. What does it matter that Jesus knows where He comes from (8:14, 21-23; 7:41-42)?

8. What does the Pharisees question in verse 19 reveal about their relationship with the Father?

9. What is at stake in this whole discussion (V24)? Why does everything hinge on who Jesus really is (V25) and who sent Him (V16, 18, 26, 29)?

10. What does Jesus mean by each phrase in verse 28? How will this show people He is the Christ?

11. What is the significance of verse 30 in light of the total misunderstanding of the Pharisees? How do the Pharisees exemplify darkness in this account?