

DISCUSSION GUIDE

I AM the Light of the World | John 8:12

November 28, 2021



Introduction:

1. What is the brightest light you have ever seen? How did you feel in the presence of that bright light? Safe, secure, warm? What is the darkest dark that you have ever experienced? How did you feel when surrounded by darkness? Alone, afraid, cold?
2. Would you rather be in the presence of light or surrounded by darkness? Explain. How important is light in the world?
3. What do most people associate with light?

Discussion Questions

4. Where is Jesus when he speaks the words of verse 12? What festival of the Jews is taking place in Jerusalem that serves as a backdrop for the words of Jesus? (John 7:2, 14)
5. What two things does Jesus specifically say in verse 12 about who he is?
6. Throughout the OT, who is associated with light? (Psalm 27:1; 119:105; Proverbs 6:23)
7. When Jesus says “I am the light of the world,” how is he claiming the name of God for himself? What does the NT teach about who is associated with light? (John 1:4-5; 1 John 1:57; Ephesians 5:8-14)
8. What is the responsibility of those who are living in the light of Christ? (Matt 5:14-16)

9. How has the light of Jesus overcome the darkness that used to consume your life? How has the light of Christ changed you?
10. How have you shared the light of Jesus with those who are walking in darkness? What was the biggest challenge in sharing the light of Jesus?
11. How do the Pharisees (Jewish religious leaders) respond to Jesus after he announces that he is the light of the world? (John 8:13, 19, 22, 25)
12. Why did the Jews have so much confusion about who Jesus was, where he came from, what he came to accomplish, and where he was going? Did they really believe that he was the Son of God?
13. Are people today still confused about who Jesus is, where he came from, what he came to accomplish, and where he is going? What is the root of their confusion?
14. How can this message from John 8 help you accurately tell others about who Jesus is and what he came to do? How did people respond to Jesus’ teaching that he is the light of the world? (John 8:30)
15. When we proclaim accurately who Jesus is and what he has come to accomplish, should we expect people to believe?
16. Since Jesus is the light of the world, how can you reflect his light as you live your life this week? Will others come to believe in Jesus based on the way you live?

TAKEAWAY: WALK IN THE LIGHT, DON’T WANDER IN DARKNESS.