



HomeGroup Discussion Questions

Week 3: Jan 16-22

The dark is a dangerous place. It conceals hazards and disorients senses. You might think we would avoid it at all costs, but darkness somehow draws us in. It's a place where we can hide. It's a place where unsavory things can be obscured or undetected. Yes, darkness is dangerous, but sometimes we cling to it. It's into this darkness that Jesus calls out, "I am the light of the world."

Main Texts: John 8:12-30

CONNECT

1. Has there been a time when the dark has caused you to trip, fall, or somehow endanger yourself? If so, talk about it with your group.
2. What did you find most significant in this week's sermon?

LEARN

3. Scripture presents God as "light" throughout the Old Testament. Try to think of a few examples.¹ In what ways do you think of God as "light" and how are things opposed to God like "darkness"?
4. Read John 8:12-30. What stands out to you about the passage? According to Jesus, how does someone have the light of life?
5. Jesus' claim about His true identity in v. 12 is met with rejection by the Pharisees over a religious technicality. How does their response demonstrate that they're in "darkness"?

APPLY

6. How would you answer if a friend asked, "What does it mean that Jesus is the light of the world?"
7. Whoever *follows* Jesus will not walk in darkness. How has following Jesus kept you in the "light"?
8. Take time to pray together as a group, asking God's Spirit to reveal to you areas of your lives (actions, attitudes, addictions, etc.) that need to be exposed to the light of Jesus. Confess these as they come to mind and ask God to bring transformation.

¹ There are many examples, including Genesis 1:3-5 and Exodus 13:17-22. Less familiar examples include Psalm 27:1, Isaiah 42:6; 49:6 and 51:4.