



The Light of the World

IN - helping a sense of belonging...

- What's the darkest place you ever been?
- What are the sort of things that you have 'googled' recently to find answers!
- Who are the people you tend to go to when asking for advice?

UP - hearing from God and growing...

Read John 8:12-20

- What encouragements and questions do you have about the metaphor of Jesus being 'the light of the world'?
- How much does 'following Jesus' give you direction in your life and what are some of the questions that it raises about finding direction?
- What does 'having the light of life' (v12) mean to you?
- Share any stories you have about finding direction from God to do with life decisions.

Read John 8:31-36

- What does 'knowing the truth' mean to you in practice? (V31)
- How have you experienced freedom from following Jesus? (V36)

OUT - impacting others...

- How would you explain v12 to someone who wasn't a Christian? What examples from your own life might you give?
- Share some areas of darkness that you would like to pray for Gods light to shine into.

BIBLE READING:

John 8: 12-20

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1 When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

The Pharisees challenged him, "Here you are, appearing as your own witness; your testimony is not valid."

Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. But you have no idea where I come from or where I am going. You judge by human standards; I pass judgment on no one. But if I do judge, my decisions are true, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me. In your own Law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is true. I am one who testifies for myself; my other witness is the Father, who sent me."

Then they asked him, "Where is your father?"

"You do not know me or my Father," Jesus replied. "If you knew me, you would know my Father also." 20 He spoke these words while teaching in the temple courts near the place where the offerings were put. Yet no one seized him, because his hour had not yet come.

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