

The Light of the World

Read: John 8:12-30

Main Idea: Embracing Jesus as the Light of the World empowers us to walk in truth and freedom, reflecting His light to dispel the darkness in our lives and the lives of others.

Key Verses: “Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.’” **(John 8:12)**

Key Principles:

- Jesus’ declaration as the light reminds us of God’s guidance in the wilderness and calling us to recommit to His illuminating presence.
- True witness to Christ stems from knowing His divine origin and mission, enabling believers to defend their faith against human judgments.
- Jesus warns of spiritual separation from God, urging us to heed His call to avoid perishing in sin through faith in Him.
- Recognizing Jesus’ identity contrasts our earthly perspective with His heavenly one, prompting self-examination of unbelief.
- Jesus’ revelation of unity with the Father culminates in His crucifixion, where many come to belief through understanding His sacrifice.
- Believers are empowered to reflect Christ’s light, confronting personal darkness and extending truth to others in daily life.

Discussion:

1. How does the Feast of Tabernacles context enhance our understanding of Jesus as the light, and what does it reveal about God’s plan to guide us out of darkness?
2. In what ways do challenges to our faith mirror the Pharisees’ objections to Jesus’ testimony, and how can His defense inspire us to stand firm?
3. What obstacles might prevent someone from heeding Jesus’ warning about dying in sins, and how does the Holy Spirit help us respond?
4. How does Jesus’ emphasis on His divine origin challenge our worldly mindset, and what practical steps can we take to align with His perspective?
5. Why is Jesus’ foretelling of His sacrifice central to revealing His nature, and how does it transform our view of the cross?
6. How does believing in Jesus as God’s Son motivate us to reflect His light to others? Share how this truth encourages you to address darkness in your community.

Prayer:

- Pray for openness to illuminate areas of darkness and empower us to follow Jesus.
- Pray:
 - Courage to defend our faith and proclaim Jesus’ divine identity to all people.
 - That we will experience the Spirit’s conviction and embrace Christ’s sacrifice.
 - Boldness to reflect His light and dispel darkness in the lives of others.

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| I. | <u>Follow Jesus as your light.</u> | 8:12-20 |
| 1. | <u>Embrace the light.</u> | 8:12 |
| 2. | <u>Defend your faith.</u> | 8:13-20 |
| II. | <u>Recognize Jesus as your Savior.</u> | 8:21-24 |
| 1. | Don't <u>miss</u> His divine <u>warning</u> . | 8:21-22 |
| 2. | Don't <u>reject</u> His divine <u>identity</u> . | 8:23-24 |
| III. | <u>Believe Jesus is God's Son.</u> | 8:25-30 |
| 1. | Jesus <u>revealed</u> His divine <u>nature</u> . | 8:25-27 |
| 2. | Jesus <u>foretells</u> His divine <u>sacrifice</u> . | 8:28-30 |

NEXT WEEK:
The Lamb of God
John 1:29-34