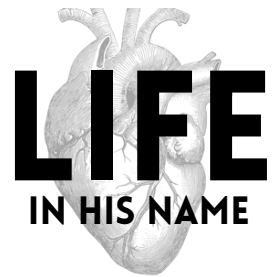


# GROWTH GUIDE

Light of the World | John 8:12-59

Week of 2/25/2024



## SERMON OUTLINE .....

Big Idea: Jesus is the light that leads to true life.

- 1) See the context and understand the claim. John 8:12,20
- 2) Having the light requires our response. John 8:12b
- 3) Jesus is calling you to follow. John 8:40-52

## GROUP DISCUSSION .....

1) Looking back at the passage, what stood out to you, was helpful, or challenged you? What questions do you have?

2) From the sermon, what is the significance of Jesus's claim "I am the light of the world" in v12 in the Treasury on the last day of the festival? Read Matthew 5:14. How is Jesus being the light of the world help us fulfill our calling to be a light to the world?

3) What does Jesus mean when he calls himself the light of the world and that those who follow him will have the light of life? What are the implications of these truths for our lives?

4) Following looks like: believing (v24), drawing near (v31), listening (v47), obeying (v51), and trusting (v58). Which aspect of following needs your attention right now? What will that look like?

5) In the Old Testament, light symbolized both God's word and God himself (Psalm 36:9, Psalm 119:105). How does the Old Testament's use of the symbol of light deepen our understanding of what Jesus is claiming to be and do? Practically, how do we change our heart and decision making to be more and more guided by this light?

## BREAKOUT DISCUSSION .....

1) Is there something you already knew or heard on Sunday that you were convicted, "I need to obey in this way and I'm not"?

2) Part of having the light is a responsibility to steward it (Matthew 25:14-30) and share it with others. Earlier this year, we picked one person to build relationship and share the gospel with this year. How is that going? What's your next step to show them the light?

