



Community Group Discussion Guide

November 24, 2013

Week 1 - Who's Going to Guide Me?

John 8:12

Read John 8:1-30 before answering the following questions.

Introduction

In this five week series we're looking at five "I AM" statements made by Jesus. In each one of these statements Jesus tells us something about himself and doing this, he answers five of the biggest questions we have in life.

This week's statement:
"I AM the light of the world."

Questions for Study

1. What was John's purpose in writing the gospel of John? See John 20:31. These key "I am" statements that Jesus made help us to know Him and they lead us to believe in Him.
2. Our key question for this week is: "Who's going to guide me?" Think about some of the different things that have the potential to guide us through life. Name some of the most common.
3. Can you think of a time when you really needed a light but you didn't have one? How did it feel? How did it impact what you wanted to do?
4. The imagery of a person coming as the light of the world has roots in the Old Testament where it speaks of the Servant of the Lord as the light to the nations. Look up the following verses and jot down the description they give of Jesus (Isaiah 42:6; 49:6; and 51:4).
5. What was the response that the Pharisees had to Jesus' description of Himself in John 8:12? How did Jesus respond to them as another debate began (see John 8:13-21)?
6. What is the relationship between Jesus' identity as the light of the world and His describing Christians as the light of the world in Matthew 5:14?
7. How might we more effectively reflect Jesus' identity as the light of the world and our role as the light of the world in our lives and our community?
8. What is meant by the statement: "The light that shines the farthest shines the brightest at home."
9. See the response of many in the crowd (John 8:30). Have you embraced the light of Jesus Christ? If so how has it changed you...how does He guide you?