

JOHN

LIFE IN JESUS

I AM the Light of the World

John 8:12-30

Sunday, March 26, 2023

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What Jesus says about those who _____ Him

- If we reject Jesus, we remain _____ in our _____.

- If we reject Jesus, we will one day _____ in our _____.

- If we reject Jesus, we will one day _____ that He is _____.

NEXT STEPS:

Take some time this week to reflect on your Exodus, i.e. your current "walk through the wilderness of this world." What challenges and trials are you facing? What does it practically look like to trust and follow "the light of Jesus" in these challenges and trials? How's that going?

NEXT WEEK: *Jesus and the Children of Abraham* | John 8:30-59

What Jesus says about _____

- I AM the Lord God, who lit _____ through the dark wilderness.
- I AM the Lord God who will light _____ through the darkness of this wilderness world.

What Jesus says about those who _____ Him

- When we follow Jesus, He is the light of God _____ us to _____ us.
- When we follow Jesus, He is the light of God _____ that gives us _____.

Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the perfect time to jump in at gracecentralcoast.org/groups

CONNECT *(ask these questions to check-in with your group)*

Each one of us is on an Exodus! What does your "wilderness walk through this dark world" look like right now? What does it practically mean for you to follow Jesus the Light right now? Use the metaphor to describe your experience.

DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's Word)*

1. Read John 8:12-30 together as a group. How did you "come under" God's Word and the message this week? How did this text/message speak to you?
2. Jesus says, "I AM the light of the world." When does He say it? What does He mean?

3. How have you experienced Jesus as a light OUTSIDE you guiding you?
4. How have you experienced Jesus as a light INSIDE you giving you life?
5. Jesus' persistent invitations to trust and follow Him speak to longings in each one of us (hunger, thirst, illumination/guidance, life, etc). Why wouldn't someone want what Jesus offers? And yet the Jewish leaders and friends we know reject Jesus. Why do you think that is? What keeps people from trusting Jesus?
6. Where is one place in your wilderness walk right now where you need to trust and follow Jesus the Light? How will you do that?

PRAY *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

- Use John 8 as a springboard for your prayers together.
- Pray for faith to trust in your own wilderness trials.
- Pray for those who know who don't yet trust and follow Jesus. Pray specifically for God to soften their hearts and for opportunities to invite them to Easter weekend gatherings.