

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

JOHN 8:12-30

Ice-breaker: What is your favorite worship song hymn and why?

Ice-breaker: What is an evidence of God's grace you've seen this week?

DISCUSSION 1: LIGHT OF THE WORLD

1. What are the different ways light functions in our world? What does it often symbolize in stories and metaphors we commonly use?
2. Read John 1:4-9; Lev. 24:2; Psalm 27:1; Is. 9:2; 42:6; 49:6. Come up with at least three ways Jesus gives light. Discuss the implications of each of those answers.
3. Why is it significant that Jesus claims that he is not just "a light" be the light *of the world*?
4. How does Jesus life and teaching bring light into the darkness?
5. In our text, the Pharisees do not see Jesus as the light and at the end of the passage we see some do believe. Why do some see Jesus as the light while others still walk in darkness?

DISCUSSION 2: BEARING WITNESS TO THE LIGHT

1. Why did the Pharisees believe that Jesus testimony was not true? How does Jesus respond to their unbelief? How does Jesus support his claim?
2. We see in verses 21-30 the Pharisees continue to misunderstand Jesus. What are they misunderstanding about Jesus?
3. Jesus has a strong word for the Pharisees when he says, "unless you believe that I am he, you will die in your sins"? Do we believe that those who do not believe in Jesus will die in their sins? Why do people die in their sins without Christ?
4. Why is it necessary to warn those around us who do not see Jesus as the light? How do you warn someone with the grace and truth of Jesus?

APPLICATION: CHILDREN OF LIGHT

1. As those who follow Jesus, we are also called the light of the world (Matt. 5:13-16). What does it mean that we are the light of the world? How do we shine the light of Christ into the world?
2. Who is someone you know who shines the light of Christ with their life? What makes you say this about their life?
3. In I Thess. 5:1-11, Paul tells us that we are children of light and we are not children of the night. What are ways we are tempted to walk in darkness? How does walking in darkness hide the light of Christ?
4. What is one way this week you can better reflect Christ's light to those around you?

FOR FURTHER STUDY

- **The Light:** John 1:4-9; 3:19-21; 9:5; 12:35-37; Ps. 27:1; 36:9; Ex. 13:17-22; Is. 42:6; 49:6; Acts 26:23.
- **Walking in Light:** 1 John 1:5-7; John 3:19-21; 12:35-37; Eph. 5:8-14; Ps. 36:9.
- **I Am Statements:** John 6:35-59; 8:12-30; 10:1-18; 11:17-27; 14:6; 15:1-6.
- For more on John 7:53-8:11, see or listen to "Neither Do I Condemn You" by John Piper at [desiringgod.org: https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/neither-do-i-condemn-you--3](https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/neither-do-i-condemn-you--3)