

Pathway Message 2 Perry Duggar May 5, 2019

Outline

Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "I am the light of the world...." John 8:12 (NLT)

A. Introduction (Isaiah 9:2; John 7-9)

B. The Light of the World...

1. Exposes_____.

(John 3:19-20. C/R: Daniel 2:22; Luke 11:34-35; Ephesians 5:12-14) 2. Enlightens ______. (2 Corinthians 4:4,6. C/R: Luke 1:78-79; 2:28-32; John 9:39-41)

3. Enables ______. (John 12:46. C/R: John 1:4-12; 17:3; Colossians 1:12-14)

4. Expresses ______. (John 8:12. C/R: Psalm 119:105; Ephesians 5:8-13; Philippians 2:15)

Answers: 1. evil 2. understanding 3. salvation 4. direction

Resource Information: Unless otherwise noted, outline and onscreen verses are from NLT version (New Living Translation) of *The Holy Bible*. C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.



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Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to study the Bible and pursue a deeper relationship with God. Check out other Bible study tools at <u>biblegateway.com</u>, <u>biblestudytools.com</u> or <u>blueletterbible.org</u>.

Conversation Starter

Describe the darkest place you've ever been.

Opening in Prayer

The Word gave life to everything that was created, and His life brought light to everyone. John 1:4 (NLT)

Spend a moment in prayer asking God to guide your time in His Word.

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read <u>John 3:16-21</u>.

- 1. What's attractive about being in darkness? About being in the light?
- 2. Why would someone be concerned about having Jesus shine light into their life? Why would they be excited about that?

Read <u>John 8:12-20</u>.

- 3. What do you think Jesus is implying when He says, *I am the light of the world*?
- 4. Why did the Pharisees react to Jesus' statement the way they did?
- 5. How does Jesus validate His claim in His encounter with the Pharisees? What other ways did Jesus validate that He is the light of the world?
- 6. How does Jesus provide light to your life?

Read <u>2 Corinthians 4:4-7</u>.

7. What are ways Satan has prevented you, or people you know, from understanding the message of Jesus?

- 8. What is it about Jesus that first attracted you to having Him in your life?
- 9. How's the light of Jesus shining through you? Through other people who are studying this with you?
- 10. Read John 12:46. What do you need to trust Jesus with this week?

Soul Training

Read <u>1 John 1:5-10</u>. Ask God to shine His light in your life and show you anything hindering your relationship with Him. Confess that to God and thank Him for His forgiveness.

Memory Verse

Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "I am the light of the world. If you follow Me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life."

<u>John 8:12 (NLT)</u>

Daily Reading

Day 1: <u>Isaiah 9:1-7</u> Day 2: <u>John 3:16-21</u> Day 3: <u>Luke 11:33-36</u> Day 4: John 12:44-50 Day 5: Philippians 2:13-15

Prepare for Next Sunday

On Sunday, May 12, we'll continue the series *Who is Jesus?* by examining His statement, *I am the good shepherd*. Read John 10:1-30 to prepare.



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