

#JESUS IS *The Light of the World*

Jesus' Credentials As The Light

Jesus' Claim To Be The Light

John 8:12-20

- Jesus, as the light of the world, assures us of the PRESENCE of God.
- As the light of the world, Jesus is our GUIDE.
- Jesus, the light of the world, is our PROTECTION.

Jesus' Characteristics As The Light

John 8:21-30

- Light REVEALS.
- Light can also BLIND.
- The only way to receive the BENEFITS from Jesus' light is to follow Him.
- Our light is a DERIVED light; it is an indirect light.

PERSONAL STUDY HOMEWORK

Week of August 17-22

Getting Started

1. What would be your reaction to someone shouting at you in the middle of the night? What difference would it make if you recognized the voice versus it being an unfamiliar voice?

Getting Into God's Word

Read John 8:12-30

1. In this passage what does Jesus claim about Himself and His words? What evidence does Jesus offer that validates His claims? Why couldn't the Pharisees see that Jesus was the light?
2. God provided to His people a pillar of light at night as they wandered in the wilderness (Exodus) and Zechariah prophesizes that on the day of the Lord God will provide light in the darkness (Zechariah 14:6-7). What does Jesus mean when He calls Himself "the light of the world"?

Applying It In My Life

1. Reflect on the urgency of believing in Jesus in the midst of the dark world we live in. What does Jesus' promise of light in the midst of darkness offer those who choose to follow Him?
2. In what way is our world in need of the same kind of urgent message Jesus delivered to the people of Judea? Ask God to give you boldness to live and speak in such a way that communicates this urgency to those around you with love and compassion.