



7-WEEK STUDY

on the seven **I Am** statements of Jesus

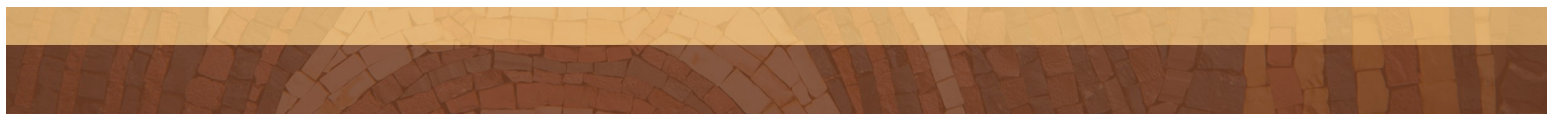
WEEK 2

Discussion Guide

I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

John 8:12

To the humiliated women, I was a second chance. **I still am.**





WEEKLY READING

Primary text from this week: John 8:12

Secondary texts from this week: John 8:1-20, Isaiah 42:6-7, Isaiah 49:6, Exodus 13:21-22

GETTING STARTED

Goals for this session: To better understand Jesus' statement "I am the light of the world."

Missed the sermon? Watch it at www.youtube.com/venturamissionary

Break the Ice: Do you have any specific memories of a time that you were afraid of the dark as a child?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What do darkness and light commonly symbolize in literature and film? Give examples. Why do you think the Bible uses the concepts of "light" and "dark" to teach spiritual truths?
2. What examples in the Old Testament do you recall where light was important? Have the group look up the examples below. How does Jesus' declaration "I am the light of the world" connect to these Old Testament examples?
Light examples in the Old Testament: *Genesis 1:3-4, Exodus 13:21-22, Psalm 27:1, Psalm 119:105*
3. Have someone in the group read **John 1:1-5**. What do you think John means when he says "the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it"?
4. Think about your own life before you started following Jesus. In what ways were you "walking in darkness?" How has the light of Jesus illuminated your life?
5. Have someone in the group read **1 John 1:5-7**. What do you think John means by the instructions to "walk in the light?" What does it mean to "walk in darkness?"
6. If Jesus came to be the light of the world, then why do we still experience so much darkness in the world?
7. Have someone in the group read **Matthew 5:14-16**. This week, how can you reflect the light of Christ in your daily life? Be specific.

