

I Am the Light of the World (John 8:12)

I Am Series: Knowing Jesus Better

Discussion Questions

- Name some issues that demonstrate the idea that “everyone is an expert” these days.
- What experts do you listen to?
- Do you have a story about running in the dark? What lesson did you learn?
- Do you feel like you are getting to know Jesus better. If so, how? If not, why not?

Read John 8:12.

- What does the metaphor of light represent? (Hints: 1 John 1:5, John 3:19-21, Romans 13:12, Psalm 27:1, Psalm 119:105)
- What did Jesus mean when he said, “I am the light of the world?”
- What condition does Jesus give in John 8:12 for not walking in darkness but having the light of life?
- What does it look like practically to follow Jesus as he says in John 8:12? (How does an understanding of the trellis and the vine impact your answer?)
- Based on John 8:12, how does Jesus want us to experience him? How would experiencing Jesus as the light of the world change your life? (After answering personally, read 1 John 1:7).
- What are some big issues in life where people feel confused because they are surrounded by differing opinions? How does following Jesus provide guidance for our lives about confusing issues?

Which of the gospel identities (citizen, family, missionary) does John 8:12 highlight? How can we encourage each other to experience Jesus as the genius for our lives?