

The Light of the World
Week Twelve



Begin this time by reading the seven "I Am" statements aloud as a group:

1) Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." – John 6:35 (The Bread of Life)

2) When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." – John 8:12 (The Light of the World)

3) "I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture." – John 10:9 (The Door or The Gate for the Sheep)

4) I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep..."I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me." – John 10:11,14 (The Good Shepherd)

5) Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" – John 11:25-26 (The Resurrection and the Life)

6) Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. – John 14:6 (The Way and the Truth and the Life)

7) "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener...I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." – John 15:1, 5 (The True Vine)

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- Which of these statements are you holding fast to this week? Which of these great truths about Jesus refreshes your heart today?

Watch Video:

As a group, watch the series video,

“The Light of the World”

In The Word:

Read Isaiah 42:1-7 and Isaiah 49:1-6

- What is the context of this passage (who is Isaiah prophesying to)?
- What does God promise regarding the nature and role of His chosen servant?
- What is the promise for the Gentiles given in these passages? Why is this significant?
- What is the connection made with darkness in Isaiah 42?

Read John 8:12-20

- What is Jesus conveying through the truth that He is the light of the world? What is the darkness that Jesus frees us from?
- What does it mean that those who follow Jesus will never walk in darkness? Does this mean that they will never sin or face hardships and trials?
- Jesus says that if you know Him you know the Father (vs. 19). What do you think He is trying to convey with this statement? How does this strengthen our walk with Him today?

Prayer:

Spend time in praise and prayer, asking God to place on your heart those in your life or spheres of influence who are far from God or have no relationship with Him. Pray, by name, asking God to give you opportunities to share the light of Jesus with them.

Apply:

- Christians have THE light, Jesus Christ. And the Church is called to be a light to the nations. Are you living in light or darkness? Spend time in private confession and repentance with the Lord this week. In the midst of this, make sure you're also praising God for He is merciful and faithful to forgive us of all our sins.
- Who will you share the gospel with this week?
- How is preparation and planning for the service week coming along? Spend some time in the group, praying for the event and doing any additional preparation needed. If you need any ideas or additional resources, reach out to the Discipleship Team in the church office.



