

I Am [The Light Of The World]

Discussion Guide

Summary

This sermon focuses on Jesus' declaration "I am the light of the world" from John 8:12. Wes uses the analogy of being in a dark cave to illustrate how darkness in life can create confusion, fear, and isolation. Just as a flashlight brings hope and direction in physical darkness, Jesus brings light to our spiritual darkness and confusion in life. The sermon emphasizes that Jesus not only is the light but calls His followers to be lights in the world as well.

Intro Prayer

Dear Lord, as we gather to discuss Your role as the light of the world, we ask that You would open our hearts and minds to understand Your truth. Help us to see areas of darkness in our lives where we need Your light to shine. Guide our discussion and help us to grow closer to You and to each other. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Ice Breaker

Share a time when you were in complete darkness (like a power outage or cave) and how it made you feel.

Key Verses

- John 8:12
- John 1:1-5
- Psalm 119:105
- Matthew 5:14
- Romans 8:29

Questions

- What are some forms of darkness people experience in their lives today?
- How does Jesus make things clearer in our lives when we follow Him?
- What does it mean practically to 'walk in the light' as a Christian?
- How can we be a light to others in our daily lives?
- Why do you think Jesus calls both Himself and His followers 'the light of the world'?
- What are some ways we can stay 'plugged into the source' (Jesus)?
- How does being in community with other believers help us maintain our light?
- What areas of darkness in your life do you need Jesus to shine His light into?

Life Application

This week, identify one specific way you can be a light in your home, school, or community. Make a conscious effort to demonstrate Christ's love through your actions, whether through showing kindness, refusing to participate in gossip, or forgiving someone who has wronged you.

Key Takeaways

- Jesus is the light that brings clarity, safety, and hope to our lives
- Following Jesus is a daily choice that requires staying connected to Him
- Christians are called to not only follow the light but to be light to others
- Darkness cannot overcome God's light

- We don't have to be perfect to shine Christ's light to others

Ending Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for being our light in this dark world. Help us to walk confidently in Your light and to shine brightly for others to see You through us. Give us the courage to face our own darkness and the wisdom to stay connected to You, our source of light. Guide us as we seek to be lights in our communities this week. In Jesus' name, Amen.