

I Am... the Light of the World

John 8:12

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."

Genesis 1:1-3

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

1. Light <u>ILLUMINATES</u> the <u>DARKNESS</u>

a. Genesis 1:1-3; Exodus 13:20-22

2. Light brings FORM to the FORMLESS

a. John 9:1-12

3. Light offers LIFE to the VOID

a. Matthew 28:18-20; Matthew 5:14; Ephesians 5:1-2, 8-14

Home/Group Study

Read Genesis 1:1-3, John 9:1-12, Matthew 5:14

- 1. Describe several qualities of light and darkness. Have you ever experienced complete physical darkness? What was it like?
- 2. Describe a time in your life when you experienced Jesus as the source of light in a period of spiritual darkness. How did He guide you in the midst of the challenges you faced?
- 3. In John 9 Jesus heals a physically blind man, and ironically the Pharisees are spiritually blind to who Jesus is. What were they missing? What were they focused on?
- 4. What area of your life feels formless right now? Where is form needed? What needs to be brought out and exposed by the light? How will you trust Him with this area of your life going forward?
- 5. 'Light of the world' is one metaphor Jesus uses for Himself and for us. What does it look for you to be a light to our world? How does that happen this week?