

# Leader's Guide

**Standing with Jesus: Receiving & Sharing His Light**

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1. Jesus says, "I am the light of the world." What does it mean for Jesus to be light in a practical, everyday sense? Where do you see people (or culture) trying to find light apart from Him?

**Follow-Up:**

- What are some "counterfeit lights" people rely on today (success, money, relationships, control, distractions)?
- Why do you think those things can feel convincing at first?

**Scripture:**

- John 1:4–5
  - Psalm 119:105
  - Isaiah 9:2
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2. The sermon described darkness as both obvious and subtle. Which forms of darkness are easiest for you to overlook in your own life, and why?

**Follow-Up:**

- Why do subtle sins (like gossip, envy, pride, self-reliance) feel easier to justify?
- How does darkness tend to disguise itself as "not that bad"?
- What happens spiritually when we normalize small compromises?

**Scripture:**

- Ephesians 5:8–11
- Psalm 36:1–2
- Jeremiah 17:9

*Leader Note:*

If the group hesitates, model humility by sharing a safe, appropriate example of your own.

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**3.** Using the fire illustration, where would you say your spiritual life is right now—burning strong, steady, or down to embers? What has contributed to that?

**Follow-Up:**

- What tends to fuel your spiritual fire?
- What tends to drain it?
- How does busyness or distraction affect your awareness of Jesus' presence?

**Scripture:**

- Revelation 2:4–5
  - Romans 12:11
  - Psalm 42:1–2
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**4.** What spiritual disciplines help keep your fire burning brightly? Which one do you sense God inviting you to strengthen or restart?

**Follow-Up:**

- Which disciplines feel life-giving vs. burdensome right now?
- What makes consistency difficult?
- How could the group support one another in this?

**Scripture:**

- John 15:4–5
  - Colossians 3:16
  - 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18
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**5.** Who is one person or situation where God may be asking you to visibly live out His light this week? What would one simple step of obedience look like?

**Follow-Up:**

- What fears or hesitations come up when you think about shining your light?
- How does love often speak louder than words?
- What would faithfulness (not perfection) look like?

**Scripture:**

- Matthew 5:14–16
- Philippians 2:14–16
- Micah 6:8