

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.

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

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

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