

SERMON OUTLINE John 8:12-20

I Am the Light of the World

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Feast

Gospel

Prophesy

Meaning

YOU SHOULD BELIEVE IN ME BECAUSE I AM FROM THE FATHER

The Leaders' Response

Jesus' Response to the Leaders' Response

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

The heart of this passage is that Jesus is the light of the world. And that's unimaginably good news for a world plunged into darkness. It is my hope and prayer that God would be pleased to use this passage and sermon to draw us out of the darkness and into the light of Christ.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Is it easy for you to see why John 8:12-20 should probably follow immediately after John 7:37-52?
3. Which of Jesus' "I am" statements in John is the most encouraging to you? The most challenging to live in light of? Which makes it easiest for you to understand what it means that Jesus is the Christ?
4. Have you found the background of the Feast of Booths to be helpful? If so, how? In particular, how does knowing how prominent a place light had in the Feast help you to understand and appreciate Jesus' claim?
5. Previously, had you ever recognized how important light is in OT prophecy, John's Gospel or Jesus' understanding of Himself?
6. What is one aspect of Jesus being "Light of the world" that stands out to you the most? Why?
7. How would/have you explain spiritual darkness to a non-Christian? Is it easy for you to do? Why/not?
8. In your own words, from John 8:12, what does it mean that Jesus is the light of the world?
9. What do you make of the Pharisees' response to Jesus? If you'd been there, what do you think you'd have done?
10. Name one specific way your life would be different if you were to walk entirely in the light of Jesus?
11. Is it ever difficult for you to trust the goodness, truthfulness, or saving power of God?
12. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

13. Ask one godly person who knows you well how you might better honor Jesus.
14. Try to come up with a creative way to teach kids what it means that Jesus is the light of the world.
15. Create a playlist of songs that celebrate Jesus as the light of the world and share it with your DG.
16. Pray for and share the good news of Jesus with one non-Christian this week.
17. Ask two different people in your family or DG (1) One thing they got from this sermon, and 2) How you can pray for them.
18. What is one specific thing you mean to do differently as a result of the things you saw or heard in this text or sermon?

PRAYER POINTS

19. Adoration. Praise God for being the way, truth and life. Praise God for being perfectly good. Praise God for being patient. Praise God that He is holy. Praise God that He is infinitely glorious.
20. Confess. Confess any specific ways you are walking in darkness. Confess any ways you love darkness, even if you are not currently walking in it. Confess any fear or reluctance to shine the light of Christ on those around you.
21. Thanksgiving. Thank God for Jesus. Thank God for showing us the path of truth and life. Thank God for His word. Thank God for a specific blessing He's given you through Grace Church. Thank God for loving us first.
22. Supplication. Ask God to bring one specific person in your life out of darkness and into the light of Jesus. Ask God to make us a church that spends more time in the light. Ask God to bring revival to the greater Wyoming area. Ask God to comfort someone who is hurting.