

I Am..The Light of the World

I Am

John 8:12

EXPLORING THE SERMON

- * What did you hear?
- * What did you think or feel about what you heard?
- * What is one thing you can take away from the sermon this week?

KEY VERSES

¹² Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

REFLECTION

Each week in this new sermon series, will be looking at a different "I Am" statement in scripture. Our hope is to find clarity on two points as we journey through this series: 1) to see God the Father each week with increasing clarity, and 2) discover more practical ways of knowing the following God as we gain more insight into his nature. **Make a note during each week of this series of what is revealed to you in each of these two areas.**

In this particular passage in John, Jesus finds himself in the midst of a debate with the Pharisees in which they are questioning the authority under which He speaks. **What is the relationship between the following functions of light, and greater life?**

- 1) Light necessary for **creation**. How has God created you? What plans does He continue to create for you to do alongside him?
- 2) Light brings **sustenance**. How do you allow God's sustenance to revive and refresh you?
- 3) Light removes **fear**. Where has the removal of fear given you greater life?
- 4) Light helps us see what is **hidden**. What do you hide that the light needs to reveal? (money handling, treating people, feelings, etc) The less we hide, the more transparent we can be.

Walking in the light means we don't navigate situations based on what **we** want, but in following in the example of Jesus we find what greater life looks like. **Whatever current situation you find yourself trying to figure out, what difference does it make that you are following Jesus? How might the light give you direction down this path of more abundant life? How can your community support you in this?**