

Bible Study Questions
Jesus – the Light and Life

READ John 1:1-18

1. In verse 4, John says “In him was life, and the life was the light of men.” Light and life are two key words that come up again and again in John’s Gospel. This is not the only place they are connected with each other – see also John 8:12.
 - a. What is the connection between light and life? Is it possible to have life without light?
 - b. What do you understand John to be saying when he describes Jesus as light and life?
2. Thinking about light (and dark), have a look at the following verses in John’s Gospel, and discuss and try to summarise what John is telling us about Jesus and us, and light and darkness:
 - a. John 1:5-9
 - b. John 3:19-21
 - c. John 8:12
 - d. John 9:1-5
 - e. John 11:8-14
 - f. John 12:30-6
 - g. John 12:44=50
3. Now thinking about life (and death), have a look at the following verses, and discuss and try to summarise what John is telling us about Jesus and us, and life and death:
 - a. John 3:13-18
 - b. John 4:13-14
 - c. John 5:20-29, 39-40
 - d. John 6:27-40, 47-51
 - e. John 10:10
 - f. John 10:27-29
 - g. John 11:25-27
 - h. John 14:1-6
 - i. John 17:1-3
 - j. John 20:30-31
4. What is the connection between light and dark in John’s thinking, having read all of the above passages?
5. In what sense is this world in darkness? And why does it prefer the darkness? Does this ring true to your personal experience of the world?
6. In what sense does Jesus bring light into our world, and our lives? What does it mean to you to walk in the light?
7. What kind of life does Jesus offer us? Is it just eternal life beyond the grave, or is it a different life this side of the grave? What would you say to someone who pities Christians for the dull lives they live?