

## **Bible Studies in the “I Am” sayings of Jesus in John’s Gospel**

### **Study 3: The light of the world**

For discussion: Have you ever been stuck completely in the dark? How did you cope? How did you get out of that situation?

#### **READ John 8:12-20**

1. Is there anything that strikes or puzzles you? Discuss ...
2. In verse 20 Jesus says: “I am the light of the world.”
  - a. Why do you think he chose the image, or metaphor, of light? What does light mean to us?
  - b. This is, of course, not the first time (or the last) that light is used as a metaphor in the Bible. Look up for example (and think about what we learn from): Genesis 1:3; Psalm 18:28; 27:1, 9; 44:3; 119:105; Daniel 2:22; Isaiah 9:2; 58:8; 60:1; Matthew 4:16; Revelation 21:23
3. Still in verse 20. Jesus says “Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness ...”
  - a. What do you think he means by this?
  - b. See what the following verses say about this: Psalm 56:13; 89:15; Isaiah 2:5; John 12:35-36; 1 John 1:5-7; Ephesians 5:7-14
  - c. How do you about walking in the light? What does it mean for you, in practice?
4. Jesus then adds: “... but will have the light of life.”
  - a. What is the connection between light and life? Why do we need light for life?
  - b. In what ways is Jesus the source of life for us?
5. Jesus calls us out of the darkness to live in his light ...
  - a. Have you opened your life, your heart, your mind, to the light of Jesus? Are there any areas of your life that you need to open up to him to let the light in?
  - b. He then calls us to reflect his light to the world. Look up: Matthew 5:14-16; John 1:6-8; 5:35; Acts 13:47; 1 Peter 2:9
  - c. In what ways can you – and will you – shed the light of Jesus into the darkness you travel through this week?