

## SERMON-BASED STUDY: JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

**John 8:7-12, ESV** – <sup>7</sup> And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, “Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.” <sup>8</sup> And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. <sup>9</sup> But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. <sup>10</sup> Jesus stood up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” <sup>11</sup> She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.”

<sup>12</sup> Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

### Notes:

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### QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

### ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

**1** What does Jesus’ instruction to the one *who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone* teach us about judgement and grace?

**2** What does it mean for Jesus, as the light of the world, to reveal and heal?

- 3 Share a time when you felt like you were in *darkness*? How did turning to Jesus as the light change your perspective or situation?

## DIGGING DEEPER

A **1 John 1:5-9, ESV** – <sup>5</sup> *This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.* <sup>6</sup> *If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.* <sup>7</sup> *But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.* <sup>8</sup> *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.* <sup>9</sup> *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

- 4 What are the characteristics of *walking in the light* versus *walking in darkness*?

- 5 What does it mean that *God is light*? Why is there *no darkness at all* in Him? Why is it impossible to have fellowship with God while walking in darkness?

- 6 How should the promise of forgiveness influence our behavior and understanding of sin? How does unconfessed sin affect our fellowship with God and other believers?

B **John 3:19-21, ESV** – <sup>19</sup> *And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.* <sup>20</sup> *For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.* <sup>21</sup> *But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”*

- 7 What does John mean by *this is the judgement*?

- 8 Why do people love *darkness rather than the light*?

How does the concept of light enhance your understanding of God's nature and his relationship with humanity?

## TAKING IT HOME

This week, we learned that Jesus is the light of the world. What does Jesus' offer of *light* mean for your life and what kind of *freedom* is he talking about? How can you actively follow Jesus in your daily life to ensure you are *walking in the light*? Spend some time in prayer, asking God what steps you need to take to walk in His light.

## PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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## FOR FURTHER STUDY

Ezekiel 10:18-19

John 7:37; 9:5