



Growth Groups: Week 3 (10/1-5)

Confession: What do you need to confess? (Here are some questions to help you examine ways you might not be believing the Gospel).

- What lies are you subtly believing that undermine the truth of the Gospel?

Learning: What are you learning?

- What are you reading in the Bible? What did you learn about God? What did you learn about the Gospel?
- How is consistency?

Accountability: How can your Growth Group hold you accountable this week?

- **Who have you shared the Gospel with this week?**
- This ties in with the confession questions. This is a practical way to walk together to identify sin and pursue sanctification together.
- How can your Growth Group help point each other to the Gospel daily? Come up with practical ways to follow through.

Prayer & Praise: How can we pray for you? What are you praising God for?

Scripture Memory: **John 8:12** – “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.”

John 8 - The Light of the World

One of the greatest prophets of the Old Testament, Isaiah, prophesied extensively about the Messiah. This Messiah was to be a Savior for not just Israel, but the whole world. In [Isaiah 9](#), Isaiah speaks of a child being born, one who will rule over the nations with righteousness and justice. He says, “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt

in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.” His arrival will be the coming of the Light to the world. In chapter 49, when speaking of His servant to come, Yahweh says, “I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the Earth.” In chapter 60, Isaiah says Yahweh Himself “will be your everlasting light” in the day that He comes to renew all things.

With this hope in the hearts of the Israelites, Jesus proclaims that He is the Light of the world ([John 8:12](#)). He proclaims He is sent from the Father and that He comes to do the Father’s will. He declares that, as the Light of the world, He reveals all He has heard from the Father. Even more shockingly, He says, “Unless you believe that I am, you will die in your sins....Before Abraham was, I am” ([John 8:24, 8:58](#)). Jesus is Yahweh in the flesh, come to bring light and salvation to the world.

Read John 8:12-30 together & summarize it

Discuss on the text:

- What does Jesus mean when he refers to “light” and “darkness” in verse 12?
- What does Jesus say about judgement in 8:15-16, 50?
- The Pharisees questioned Jesus and who He said He was (8:13). Is it hard for you to believe that Jesus is who He said He is? If so, why? If not, why not?
- Read 1 John 1:5-10. How does this passage further explain that Jesus is the light of the world?

Application:

- What are practical ways for you to walk in the light?
- What is currently in darkness in your life that you need to bring into the light?