

Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: The Gift-Giver

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Message: The Light that Gives Life & Peace

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Memory Verse: John 8:12 NIV

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

The goal of these questions is to foster meaningful discussion and to encourage participants to reflect on God's Word and lead to heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.

Big Idea: Believe Jesus is the revealed light that gives life, blessing, and peace

Read John 8:12-36

1. Jesus refers to Himself as the "Light of the world" and says that those who follow Him will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life (v 12). What are some examples of what it looks like to walk in darkness? What difference has the "light of life" made in how you make decisions or face hardship? Where in your life do you still long for Jesus' light to shine more fully?
2. Jesus says the Pharisees' judgment was flawed because it came from a limited, earthly perspective (vv 14-15). What are some ways we also tend to evaluate people or situations through human lenses rather than spiritual truth? What helps you cultivate a more Christ-centered lens when making decisions or evaluating others, especially in situations that challenge you?
3. Jesus shares that knowing Him reveals the Father (v 19). What is one specific teaching or moment in Jesus' life that revealed something new to you about God? What assumptions about God have been challenged or reshaped by something Jesus said or did in the Gospels? What's a story or truth about Jesus you've found helpful when helping someone else understand who God



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4. Sin has serious consequences that ultimately lead to death (v 24). What are some subtle ways we may downplay the seriousness of sin in our own lives? What helps you move from minimizing sin to feeling its true seriousness before God? How has recognizing the weight of your sin helped you appreciate the beauty of God's grace?
5. The verbal exchange between Jesus and the Pharisees leads them to ask, "Who are you?" (v 25). How would you answer if someone asked you today, "Who is Jesus?" When speaking with a non-believer, how would you suggest getting to understand the root issue(s) that keep them from believing in Jesus as the Son of God?
6. While Jesus is having this conversation with the Pharisees, there are others around who observe what is happening and believe in Jesus (v 30). Nothing we do takes place in a vacuum. How do you see your words and actions being a testament to others about your faith? Do you ever watch others and model your behavior after them? How would it change your behavior if you knew others did this with you?
7. Speaking to those who believed in Him, He shares that real disciples will persevere, and His truth will set them free (vv 30-32). If you're honest, is there an area where you tend to treat Jesus' words like suggestions instead of truth? What practices do you have in place to stay connected to His Word? What happens to these practices when life gets busy or hard?
8. Jesus says that sin isn't just a behavior, it's a form of slavery (vv 34-36). Can you identify an area of sin or struggle in your life that once felt like it controlled you? What's the difference between managing sin and being set free from it? What does it mean to you that Jesus is the one who must set you free—not your effort, discipline, or willpower?



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