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THEME: THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD - LIFE APPLICATION

PASSAGE: John 8:12-20.

LAUNCH

When was the last time you were trying to get somewhere physically and it was pitch black. What happened & how did it make you feel?

When was your last light bulb moment when you 'saw the light' (silly examples please as this is an icebreaker question)

DISCOVERY & UNDERSTANDING

What do you think that light and darkness signify in verse 12?

Theologian Rudolf Bultmann once said, "Without the revelation of Christ the world is in darkness." Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?

Without Christ, would your life be in darkness? In what ways has Christ delivered you from darkness? Is he continuing to do so? If so how?

What do you think it means that Jesus proclaimed "I am the light of the world" instead of "I came to give the light of the world"?

What is the difference between Jesus being the light and giving the light?

Paul wrote in II Corinthians 4:6, "For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ." What implications does this verse have for our lives?

Jesus says in verse 19 that if people know him they also know his Father. What is he trying to teach us here?

APPLICATION

What areas of darkness does the Holy Spirit need to work on in your life (only share to a comfortable/safe level)? How do you feel he is doing this?

In what real and practical ways is he wanting you to demonstrate Christ's light inside of you to the world around?

Pray for one that the light of Christ would reach every corner of your life and that you would shine this light to the world around.

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