

I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

JOHN 8:12-30

GETTING STARTED

• Let's talk about light. How does light function in our world? How do we use it and understand it?

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Before you begin: Open with prayer and spend a minute or two in silence before God. Have multiple people ask the Holy Spirit to enter your time together and illuminate your hearts and minds to scripture.

- Turn your bibles to Genesis Chapter 1. What do you notice about God's creation of light in verse 3? How come light is the first thing that is mentioned in the creation narrative?
- Turn your bibles to John 1. Knowing what you now know from Genesis 1, how does John talk about light in the prologue?
- Have someone read John 8:12-30 aloud. As a group, summarize the passage, and as you do so note any observations, questions, and exciting insights you found while reading through the text. What jumped out at you? What was something you noticed now that you didn't see before?
- What do you think Jesus means when he says, 'I AM the light of the world?'
 - Can anyone comment on the significance of Jesus making this announcement during the feast of booths in the temple treasury?
- How do you think light frames the context of judgment in 8:14-16
- How does the discussion on "light" give context to the Pharisees' question "Where is your father?"

WRAPPING UP

• There are many lights in the world, but how does Jesus bring us "True light?" Where does Jesus's light continue to light your life?