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the Bread of Life
the Light of the World
the Door of the Sheep
the Good Shepherd
the Way, the Truth, the Life
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I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Warm-Up Question:

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READ: John 8:12; 9:1-7

I. THE REALITY OF DARKNESS

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II. THE PROMISE OF LIGHT

- Describe the significance of light in Gen. 1 and the Feast of Booths (think of the Exodus from Egypt)?
- In the context of the story of the Bible and the Feast, what is Jesus communicating when he pronounces that he is the light of the world?
- How did Jesus ultimately deal with the darkness inside you, and what implications does that have for you now and in eternity?
- How does the “light” of Jesus bring us fullness of life? What are some practical ways you feel that?
- How does the future hope of Jesus’ “light” into eternity bring us hope with the darkness of suffering now?

What is one main take-away you want to apply in your life this week?

“Sin ruined the entire creation ... its harmony into disorder, and its light into darkness.”

- Herman Bavinck

“Even though it was midday, a dreadful darkness covered the face of the world. The sun could not shine... The full force of the storm of God’s fierce anger at sin was coming down. On his own Son. Instead of his people. It was the only way God could destroy sin, and not destroy his children whose hearts were filled with sin.”

- Jesus Storybook Bible

“I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen; not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.”

- CS Lewis

For Prayer:

- Praise God for sending the Light of the World
- Ask for help in admitting your darkness inside
- Ask God to make you a light to the world near you



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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 9:1 As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. **2** And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” **3** Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. **4** We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. **5** As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” **6** Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud **7** and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

Gen. 1:1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. **2** The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Gen. 1:3 And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. **4** And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.