

28.07.24: 'I Am' Series. Wk. #3 'I AM the Light of the World'.

Home Group & Individual Study – some suggested questions.

Please read: John 8:12-30. Additional readings: Genesis 1:1-5,

Discussion Group Leaders: Please choose all or some of the questions for your discussion and Bible study.

- **How do you feel about the dark – Does it bring out in you feelings of apprehension, intrigue or fear?**
- The first point made on Sunday was, *'To know Jesus means to have the light of life.'* **In what ways has Jesus illuminated different areas in your life? In what ways are you different since following Jesus than you were before?**
- **Have you ever experienced following Jesus as being like following a light through a dark place?**
- In verse 24 Jesus says, "If you do not believe that I am the one I claim to be, you will indeed die in your sins." **How does our contemporary culture often respond to that claim?**
- **How can you rely on Jesus to be your 'light' this week?**
- We heard on Sunday that to know Jesus means we have a chance to be a 'light' ourselves. **Who do you admire that 'shines' out a light for Jesus through their own life? What is it about them you admire?**
- **In what ways are you trying to be a 'light' to the World? What would you appreciate prayer for as you try to do this?**
- We saw a short film on Sunday about the 'Torchbearer's Association'. You can watch it again here <https://torchbearers.org/who-we-are/history/>

What particular things that were said in the film had an impact on you and why?

Additional questions – for further Bible study & reflection, or for Discussion Group Leaders to use if they wish.

- Why would Jesus' opponents only realise who He was when they had 'lifted up the Son of Man'?
- Where else in the Bible do we see the theme of light overcoming darkness?
- What does the Pharisee's misunderstanding in John 8:19 reveal about their view of Jesus?
- What is a good argument against those who like the idea of Jesus as a good moral teacher, but struggle to see Him as one who claims exclusivity?
- Why do you believe the testimony of Jesus that He and the Father are one?