

“Illuminated Living” Group Study

Season 3: Light in the Darkness, **Week 1**

Passage: John 8:12-30

Pastor Ryan Paulson

ICEBREAKER:

1. What is your daylight savings preference; darker earlier or lighter later? Explain your choice.

As a way to get into the study, try to remember the Sermon Outline from Sunday:

The way of flourishing is illuminated by following Jesus.

1. Trust his wisdom.
2. Accept his diagnosis.
3. Receive his love.

When you walk in the light, you shine on those around you.



Discover the Way of Jesus

(Every week in these studies, we will ask questions about the Scriptures that try to help us Discover the unique Way of Jesus that is found in the text.)

2. Read Ephesians 5:6-14 and John 8:12-30. In what ways do these passages compliment one another?
3. Focus on John 8:12. What does it mean to you that Jesus *is* the Light of the World?
4. Given your answer above, how should this knowledge work out practically in your day to day?



Develop the Heart of Jesus

(This is the part of the study where we work on our own hearts. “How does my character need to grow and change because of this passage?”)

5. Ryan shared that the path of following Jesus is counter-intuitive to the path of the culture. In what area might you be struggling to trust Christ’s path for your life?

6. Describe a negative response you may have received in attempting to share a spiritual truth with a friend or family member. What may have kept that person from turning to the light (Read 2 Cor 4:4)?

7. Share a dark moment from your life. What helped you to move from darkness into the light?



Live on Mission with Jesus

(This is the part of the study that we ask, “What would God want us to do because of this passage?”)

8. What is a tangible way you can let your light shine in the world this week?