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Light of the World
John 8:12-30

When have you been in the dark—and something simple changed everything?

John 8:12 *Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the **light of the world**. Whoever follows me will **never walk in darkness** but will have the **light of life**.”*

- Light in the Old Testament –
- Feast of Tabernacles –

The Light of the World changes:

I. How you _____

John 8:13-18 *Then the Pharisees said to him, “You are testifying on your own behalf; your testimony is not valid.” 14 Jesus answered, “Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid because I know where I have come from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. 15 You judge by human standards; I judge no one. 16 Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is valid; for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. 17 In your law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is valid. 18 I testify on my own behalf, and the Father who sent me testifies on my behalf.”*

- Light extinguishers judge by -
- Light bringers judge by -

II. How you're _____

John 8:19-20 *Then they said to him, “Where is your Father?” Jesus answered, “You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also.” 20 He spoke these words while he was teaching in the treasury of the temple, but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.*

- Light extinguishers fear -
- Light bringers are strengthened by -

III. How you _____

John 8:25-30 *They said to him, “Who are you?” Jesus said to them, “Why do I speak to you at all? 26 I have much to say about you and much to condemn; but the one who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him.” 27 They did not understand that he was speaking to them about the Father. 28 So Jesus said, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own, but I speak these things as the Father instructed me. 29 And the one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what is pleasing to him.” 30 As he was saying these things, many believed in him.*

- Light extinguishers reflect -
- Light bringers reflect -

Point:



Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

Lenten Discipline for this week: Evangelism

Evangelism is simply reflecting the Light of the World to the world. A little bit of light brings a whole lot of hope. How do you do that?

1. Develop a 1-3 minute story of your faith experience by answering these 3 questions: (a) What was my life like before I experienced Jesus' grace? (b) What difference has experiencing Jesus' grace made in my life? (c) What has changed in my life since I have encountered Jesus' grace?
2. Ask someone close to you if you could have permission to share your story with them, if even just to practice it.
3. Pray that God might give the opportunity to use your story to shine a little light to another person.

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