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The Light of the World

John 8:12-20

I. Jesus' Awesome Claim (v. 12)

A. "I _____" (Ex. 3:13-14)

B. "the _____ of the world" (Isa. 42:6-7; 49:6;
Rev. 21:22-25)

C. "whoever _____ me" (Matt. 4:19; Mk. 10:21;
Lk. 9:23; Jn. 21:19)

D. "will not walk in _____" (Eph. 5:5-8; Phil. 2:14-15;
1 Thes. 5:5-8)

E. "but will have the light of _____" (Jn. 1:4; Psa. 27:1; 36:9;
2 Cor. 4:6)

II. Jesus' Apologetic Response (vv. 13-18)

A. The _____ of the Pharisees (v. 13)

B. The _____ Jesus gives (vv. 14-18)

1. Jesus _____ where He is from (v. 14)

2. Jesus' judgment is _____ (vv. 15-16)

3. Jesus explains the _____ of two people
(vv. 17-18)

III. Jesus' Appalling Conclusion (vv. 19-20)

A. These Jews don't _____ their God (v. 19)

B. These Jews have no _____ (v. 20)

TAKE HOME

- What _____ has seeing Jesus as the light of the world made on your life?
- How can you apply in _____ what you learned today about Jesus' apologetic?
- Is it possible that you, like these Pharisees, _____ you know God but you don't?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Read John 8:12. Now look at Exodus 3:13-14. What is so significant about Jesus using the words “I am”?

2. Read Isaiah 42:6-7 and 49:6. Who are these passages talking about? Look at 1 John 1:7. Are you walking in the light? What does this look like in your life?

3. Read Matthew 4:19; Mark 10:21; Luke 9:23; John 21:19. What does Jesus mean when He says “Follow Me”?

4. Read Ephesians 5:5-8; Philippians 2:14-15; 1 Thessalonians 5:5-8. How do these verses help us understand what Jesus means when He says that whoever follows Him “will not walk in darkness”?

5. Read John 8:13-18. What is the Pharisees’ accusation? Why does this matter? What is Jesus’ answer? What did you learn from it?

6. Read John 8:19-20. How can Jesus say that these Jews don’t even know God? (Jn. 14:7, 9). Is it right for us to say something similar if people say they “believe in God” but don’t believe in Christ?

7. Read the take home questions. Which one challenged you or encouraged you the most? Why? How will you love Christ more and live differently this week based on this passage?

“The lights with which many please themselves shall go out in the valley of the shadow of death, and prove worse than useless. But the light that Christ gives to every one that follows Him shall never fail.”

- J.C. Ryle, *Expository Thoughts on John*