

I AM

I AM: "The Light of the World" - Week 2 - Pastor Kiersten Berthaudin

Sermon Notes, March 20, 2022

Text: John 8:12

Introduction

It's hard to make your way through somewhere when it's pitch black. There's a really good chance that you're going to walk in to something or get lost. The same thing happens in life when we go through a dark time. This is our second week in our series "I AM". We are going to be unpacking what it looks like for Jesus to be "The Light of the World", and what that practically means for us as followers of Jesus.

"Only in knowing who Jesus is can I know who I am".

Some fun Hebrew words to learn:

"Sukkot" - temporary booth or shelter

"Shekina Glory" - the visible presence of God that filled the first temple

"Ha'or Gadol" - the Great Light who would soon come and bring light to those who were spiritually dead and dwelling in darkness

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Acts 9:1-20 - Light changes things

Conclusion:

- 1. Because Jesus is the Light of the World, WE DO NOT WALK IN DARKNESS**
- 2. Because Jesus is the Light of the World, WE HAVE THE LIGHT THAT LEADS TO LIFE**
- 3. Because Jesus is the Light of the World, WE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**
 - **Matthew 5:14, "*You are the light of the world - like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden*".**
 - **Galatians 5:8, "*For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light.*"**



Life Group Discussion

Warm-Up:

Think back to a time when you had to do something in the dark. Maybe it was find something, walk to another room, maybe you've had to drive at night and couldn't get your headlights to work. Whatever it may be, what was the outcome? Was it a struggle?

Study & Discussion:

1) What resonated with you from the sermon? What challenged or surprised you? What questions do you have?

2) Read the following passages out loud. In what ways has Jesus' light changed you?

Read John 8:12

Read Acts 9:1-20

3) Saul's experience was extreme. He did a full 180 with his life. He went from killing Christians, to being one who was ultimately killed for preaching the gospel. What is one area in your life that you need to let Jesus illuminate in order to become more like him?

4) Discuss the Message version of Matthew 5:14: *Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colours in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill.*

5) Who in your life needs the light that leads to life?

Prayer:

As a group, begin praying for those in your lives that the Holy Spirit has made known to you that you can be a light to.

Pray that God would give you all wisdom and courage to be light in your families, neighbourhoods, and work places.

