

JESUS IS

John 8:12

Week of February 18, 2024

BELONG

Ask this Ice Breaker Question: Growing up, were you ever afraid of the dark? Yes or no? Why or why not?

BELIEVE

Have someone in your group read aloud: John 8:12

Ask these questions to prompt group discussion:

- 1. Given what you know about the history of electricity, why do you think it might have been significant for Jesus to declare Himself the Light of the World?**

Leader Context:

- *There was no power system in His time.*
- *When candles burned out, there was no more light in the home.*
- *Typically sundown meant the end of the day's activities. Unless you lived in a city that had a few more street lanterns and candles.*
- *If you were in a field and herding sheep, you slept when the moon came out.*

- 2. In Genesis, God creates not only the lights in the sky, but also the possibility of light. How do you think this fact enhances what Jesus meant when He said He was the Light of The World?**

Leader Context:

- *God is the creator of electromagnetism.*
- *God is also the creator of the light. Egypt's chief god, for example, is Ra the god of the sun. But Genesis says that YHWH created the sun.*
- *Furthermore, Jesus is the light of the world in the sense that He is Electromagnetism. He makes light happen.*

- 3. The Psalmist declares that God's Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path (Psalm 119:105). This is typically only enough light to take an**

additional step. In your experience of following Jesus, does He usually give you enough light to run for miles, or just enough to take an additional step?

Leader Context:

- *Answers may vary.*

BECOME:

4. This IAM statement is one of the few that Jesus also applies to His followers. Not only is Jesus the Light of the World, but also His followers are called to be Lights of the World.

In Matthew 5:14-16 Jesus tells them: *“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”*

What does it look like to live as a light of the world in the areas where you live, work, and play?