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I Am

“The Light”

John 8:12-20 (verses 12-13 below)

Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, “I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won’t have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.” The Pharisees replied, “You are making those claims about yourself! Such testimony is not valid.”

Sermon Summary:

The "I Am" statements are a series of declarations made by Jesus in the Gospel of John which underscore His divine identity and mission. Each of these statements serves not only as a reflection of His nature but also as a way of revealing how He fulfills the spiritual needs of humanity. Jesus wasn't just exercising positive self-talk when He made these bold statements. He was letting the first-century Jews, familiar with God's definition of Himself, know that He truly was God incarnate, the Messiah they were waiting for.

It's important to consider that He knew who He was, and He wanted us to clearly know, too. He can't be minimized to merely our "ticket to heaven" but must be seen as our daily sustenance, our direction, our protector, our sacrificial Savior, our victory over death, our access to the Father and eternal life.

Ice Breaker Questions:

1. What was your favorite childhood cereal?
2. What was your favorite cartoon growing up?
3. Were you scared of the dark as a child?
4. As a child when you turned the lights off in your bedroom, would you walk slowly to your bed or did you have to make a running, diving dash to jump into your bed?

Scripture Study Questions:

1. Who was Jesus talking to in the passage?
2. What did Jesus claim about himself in verse 12?
3. What did Jesus mean when he said, “If you follow me, you won’t have to walk in darkness”?
4. How did the Pharisees respond to Jesus’ claim about being the light of the world?
5. In your own words, summarize Jesus’ rebuttal to the Pharisees in verses 14-18.
6. According to Jesus, is it possible to know God if a person doesn’t believe in Jesus as the son of God?



Application Questions:

1. Describe a time that you have been in darkness.
2. How has Jesus been light in your life?
3. How do you personally make the choice to follow Jesus daily?
4. How can you extend the light of Jesus to someone who needs it this week?