

# The Gospel Of John

## ICEBREAKER

If you could watch one event in history happen, what would it be and why?

## CONTEXT

Our text takes place while the people are still celebrating the Feast of Tabernacles (a celebration of God leading the Israelites out of Egypt). Jesus is talking in the Court of Women, which is important because Jesus' message wasn't just for the elite allowed into the most sacred places of the Temple, but where all people could come and worship. Jesus tells the crowd that He is the light of the world, and the religious leaders challenge His claim.

## PASSAGE

John 8:12-30

## DISCUSS

### 1. What have you learned from this text?

- What stood out to you as we read the text? Why?
- Read Exodus 13:21-22. What is the function of the pillar of fire? Why did they need it?
- What connections would the people attending this feast draw between Exodus and Jesus' statement that He is the light of the world? Why?

## DISCUSS CONTINUED

- Read Matthew 7:1-5. Discuss the instructions given in these verses.
- How do the religious leaders respond?
- Jesus tells the religious leaders, "you know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also." What is the implication of the Jewish leaders not knowing Jesus' Father? How would that affect the people?

### 2. How will you apply this to your life?

- Read Psalm 27:1 and 119:105. What is the role of light in these two passages?
- Read 1 John 1:5-7. How can we invite the light of Jesus into the dark places of our lives?
- What are some obstacles to applying these principles to your life?

### 3. How will you pass it on to someone?

- If someone asked you to explain why John 8:12-30 is in the Bible, what would you tell them? Why?

## NEXT STEPS

We have a unique opportunity to shine the light of Jesus at our upcoming Easter Gatherings. A great next step would be to sign up as a group to serve at one of our 11 Easter gatherings across our three locations!