

**Shine Your Light Discussion Guide**  
**Recognize - Lesson 1**  
**(October 20, 2024)**

This study guide is based on the message that is available on YouTube.

**Opening Discussion:** Share an unnerving moment you experienced in the dark.

**Dive Deeper:**

1. Read John 8:12-20. How did Jesus describe himself? What do you think Jesus meant by this description?
2. Read Isaiah 49:6. How does Isaiah describe the coming Messiah? How is God described in 1 John 1:5 and Psalm 27:1? According to these three scriptures, who was Jesus claiming to be when he said he was the “light of the world”?
3. According to John 8:12, why does Jesus bring light to the world? What does it mean for an individual to submit to Jesus and follow His light? How does God’s light help us to see and understand our world from a different perspective?
4. How does John 1:1-5 support Jesus as being the light to the world? Discuss the darkness spoken of in this scripture and the power of Jesus’ light. How does Jesus’ authoritative light over the enemy encourage your confidence and faith?
5. Why do people often rely on their own light and understanding? When Jesus revealed your sin, forgave you, and placed you on his lighted path, how did it change the trajectory of your thoughts, behavior, relationships, and goals?
6. What two promises does the light of the world guarantee in John 8:12? We are given a choice to follow Jesus or not. Share with your group the choices you make each day to help you follow Jesus, whose light will never be extinguished.

**Encouragement:** Be encouraged, for the Lord, who is the light of the world, will NEVER fail you. With confidence, you can know that the Lord will light your path for a full life.

**Application:** How will you apply Sunday’s message and this discussion to your life?