

CrossPoint Community Guide

No Other Name | The Light

DINNER & DELIGHT

45 minutes

- During dinner, reflect on last week's practice: **How did the Generosity and Stewardship Audit go? How was it thinking through *intention* and *attention* when it comes to our stewardship?**

LEARN & STUDY

20 minutes

Read together: *John 8v12-20*

- In John 8v12, what promises does Jesus give to those who follow him?
- Throughout Scripture, light represents God's order (*Genesis 1v3*), presence (*Exodus 13v21-22*), revelation (*Psalms 119v105*), truth (*Isaiah 5v20*), and salvation (*Isaiah 60v1-3*).
What does Jesus claiming to be "the Light of the world" reveal about his divine identity and mission?
- How does this passage support the reality that Jesus is not just a teacher pointing to truth, but that he IS the source of life and light?

Take home truth: Andrew articulated the take home truth as, **because Jesus is the Light, following him is the only way out of darkness.**

 **Facilitator Tip:** Separate into male/female groups for a time of listening and confession. I'd encourage spending the remainder of your time in community in these groups.

PRACTICE & IMPLEMENT

40 minutes

RIGHT NOW:

Separate into male/female groups.

- Spend several minutes in silence asking, "Holy Spirit, where is there darkness in my life right now?"
 - Is it chaos? Does life seem unformed, disordered, overwhelmed, anxious, or uncertain?
 - Is it consequence? Are you sitting in the mess of your sin and needing forgiveness?

- Is it spiritual desolation? Does God seem distant? Do you feel like you're in the pit?
 - Is it confusion? Have you absorbed more culture than Jesus, and need clarity again?
 - Are you lost? Have you never received the light of Jesus?
- **As a group, share what the Spirit illuminated.**
Confess with one another where you're walking in darkness.
 - **Will you keep walking in darkness?**
What needs to change so that you can walk in the light?
 - **Read together: 2 Corinthians 5v17**

 **Facilitator Tip:** Before you wrap up and pray, be sure to:

- 1) Invite people to continue working through the questions below.
- 2) End your night by asking, “**What is one takeaway from your time in community today?**” I experienced this in the Moscow CPC last week and it was so cool hearing what everyone took away from the night. It's a powerful and affirming time acknowledging how God moved!

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REFLECT & PRAY

15 minutes

Pair up and pray

- What is one takeaway from your time in community today?
- Pray for clarity to see where there is darkness in your life and courage to walk in the light.

 **NEXT WEEK:** *John 6v35*

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