

# I AM | WEEK 2 | WHEN LIFE GETS DARK

Jesus: The Light of the World • John 8:12–20

“I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in the darkness but will have the light of life.” — John 8:12 (CSB)

**BIG IDEA** Jesus is the Light who guides us through spiritual darkness and life’s difficult seasons.

## 1 DARKNESS IS A REALITY IN OUR WORLD

### A. We live in a world affected by spiritual darkness— John 3:19

Light reveals what darkness hides. Jesus exposes sin not to humiliate us, but to call us to repentance and life. Being familiar with church is not the same as following Christ.

### B. Darkness can come through the circumstances of life— Psalm 23:4

Grief, fear, disappointment, and uncertainty do not necessarily mean we have done wrong. The Shepherd does not promise a valley-free life; He promises His presence in the valley.

### C. Darkness makes it difficult to see clearly—

Fear makes problems seem bigger and can cause us to question God’s care. His Word gives light for the next faithful step, even when we cannot see the entire road.

**REMEMBER** The darkness of your circumstances does not determine the faithfulness of your God.

## 2 DARKNESS DISTORTS OUR DIRECTION

John 12:35 • You can be busy and moving, yet still be headed the wrong way. Follow Jesus rather than relying only on your own understanding.

## 3 JESUS BRINGS TRUTH, HOPE, AND LIFE

John 8:12; John 1:4–5 • Jesus reveals truth, offers hope, and gives the light of life. Darkness cannot overcome Him.

## 4 FOLLOWING THE LIGHT CHANGES HOW WE LIVE

Ephesians 5:8–10; Matthew 5:14–16 • Follow Christ in obedience and reflect His light in your words, choices, and relationships.

## THIS WEEK’S CHALLENGE

Where do I need to stop relying on my own direction and take the next step in obedience to Jesus?

## SERMON NOTES

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH!

October 21<sup>st</sup> 6:30 PM: Dinner and Discussion

October 22<sup>nd</sup> 11:00 AM: Men’s Bible Study

October 25<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM: I AM Part 3