

April 29, 2018

I Am The Light Of The World

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_____ the light of the world. – Matthew 5:14

3 Pieces of Insight:

1. _____ (Genesis 1:1; John 1)
 - Light is a _____ of a new creation
 - Jesus offers us a chance to be made new
2. _____ of light
(John 1:4-5, 3:19-21, 9:4-5, 12:35-36)
 - Jesus' light is _____, not _____
3. Feast of _____
(John 7-8; Isa 42:6, 49:6, 51:4; Zech 14:7, 16-19)
 - _____ light
 - _____ were invited to participate

What about us?

1. Bring _____
 - Physical, emotional, relational, theological
2. Open the courtyard (John 3:16-21)
 - _____, _____, _____.

TALK IT OVER

Talking through the message during the week can really help clarify the things that God is teaching you and let others learn from your experiences. Get with someone this week and talk about your answers to the following questions.

What one idea from the message stands out most to you? Why?

How has someone impacted your life by "letting their light shine?"

We know that living in the light is good for us. Why, then, do we find ourselves drawn towards darkness so frequently?

Jesus' words and ministry were directly connected to his context and culture. Why might it be worthwhile to stay connected the culture around us? How far into culture should you venture?

Describe a time when someone brought you hope through healing. Why did this person do this? How did it impact you? How do you "pay it forward?"

Describe your own experiences with being made new. What are things that God has taught you? What are you learning about following Christ?

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3 Pieces of Insight:

1. NEW CREATION (Genesis 1:1; John 1)
 - Light is a MARKER of a new creation
 - Jesus offers us a chance to be made new
2. CONSISTENCY of light (John 1:4-5, 3:19-21, 9:4-5, 12:35-36)
 - Jesus' light is CONSTANT, not FRENETIC
3. Feast of TABERNACLES (John 7-8; Isa 42:6, 49:6, 51:4; Zech 14:7, 16-19)
 - CERMONIAL light
 - ALL PEOPLE were invited to participate

What about us?

1. Bring HOPE THROUGH HEALING
 - Physical, emotional, relational, theological
2. Open the courtyard (John 3:16-21)
 - INVITE, INCLUDE, REPEAT.

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