

The Shining Light

The Mystery of God: The Gospel of John
Church on the Park | Sunday, 22 June 2014

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Text: John 8:12-20; John 9:1-41

Instructions: First, pray that God speaks to you through his word. Next read the Scripture text aloud. Each person in the group should take a turn reading a paragraph to the group. The goal after reading the passage is to have an uplifting discussion about the Scripture. *Please note: It is important to read both parts of the text: John 8:12-20 & John 9:1-41.*

Discussion Starters:

- 1) What "I AM" statement is Jesus making in these passages? What do you think Jesus is saying about himself?
- 2) What specific sign does Jesus give to prove that he is the light of the world (John 9:1-12)? Why does Jesus use this sign? Why do you think Jesus used mud?
- 3) What verse(s) in these passages of Scripture speak to your heart the most? Why?
- 4) Why are the Pharisees upset? Do you ever find yourself getting angry with Jesus? Explain why. What can you learn from this about how to respond to Jesus?
- 5) Who sinned that caused this man to be born blind (John 9:1-5)? What was Jesus' response? What can we learn from Jesus about responding to sickness and disabilities?
- 6) Have you seen Jesus as your light? Explain. Describe your experience of seeing Jesus as the light. If not, would you like to discover Jesus as the light?
- 7) The Pharisees challenge Jesus that his testimony is not true because he is the only witness of it. Explain how Jesus responds. How do we know Jesus' testimony is true? (John 8:12-20)
- 8) What hope does Jesus being the light give you? Read Isaiah 60:1-4. How should you respond to the light?
- 9) Lastly, talk about how you can apply the things you've learned from these Scriptures to your everyday life. What is something new you can practice and believe?

Conclusion: Pray together. Pray about what you have discovered or have been reminded of in this study.