

Read John 8:12

What statement did Jesus make about himself? What does it mean?

What did Jesus promise? Who is the promise for?

➔ How have you experienced Jesus' light shining in your darkness?

➔ Jesus is the light of the world. How does this make a difference to

- the way you listen to his words?
- the way you live?
- how you think about your sins?

Pray

- Thank God that Jesus is the light, who gives us true and accurate information about heavenly things.
- Thank God for his love, that he sent his Son into the world to save us
- Ask God to help you walk in the light.

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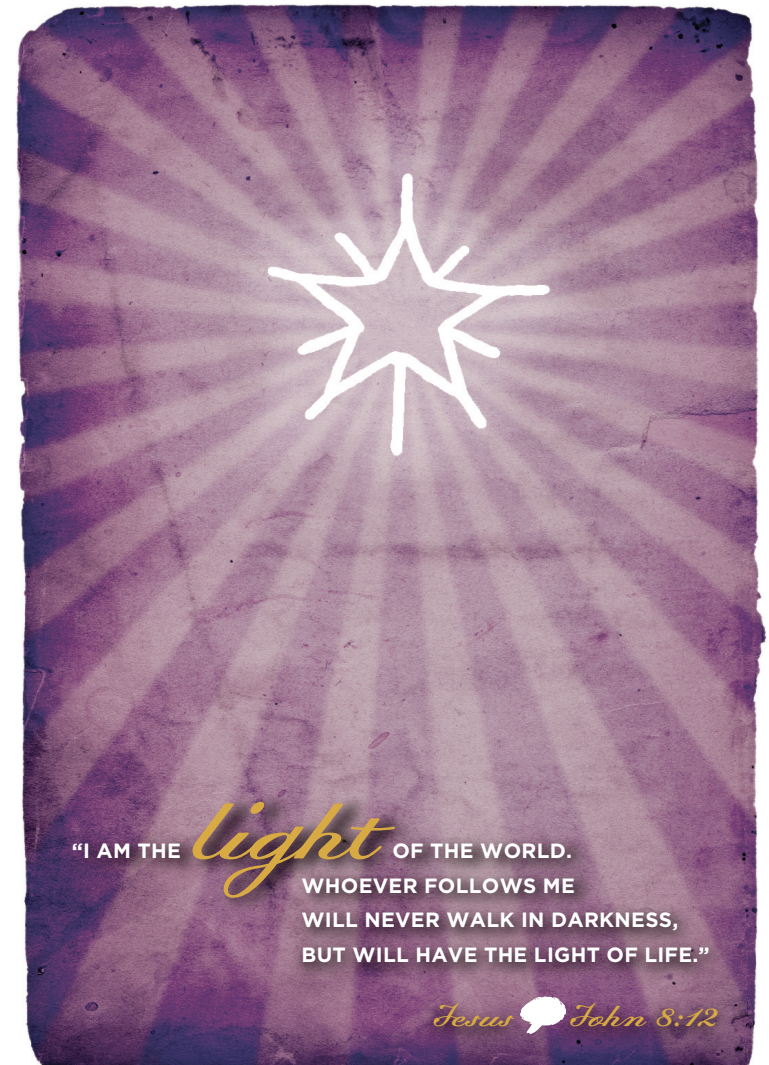
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BIBLE STUDIES 2022



Icebreaker

"Where are you from?" For some people, this is a simple question to answer. For others, it is more complicated. How would you answer it?

This semester in FOCUS we are reading the Gospel according to John. It is the good news of Jesus Christ and what he has done through his life. The author, John, was a friend and eyewitness of Jesus.

John's Gospel contains many deep symbols and metaphors. Jesus makes some very bold claims about himself. As we read John's gospel we will examine Jesus' identity, in his own words.

Last week we read that "the true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world" (John 1:9). Tonight we will learn more about that light...

Discuss this statement: "All religions are the same: people making guesses about God".

Read John 3:1-21

Jesus has been in Jerusalem (the Jewish capital) and people have been noticing him and the signs he has been doing.

V1-2. Who is Nicodemus?

What sort of man was he -- his position, character, attitude to Jesus?

V3-9. Nicodemus was a teacher and leader among the Jewish people. Yet Jesus said something that took him by surprise. What was it?

What do you think it means to be 'born again'?
Who or what can make us be 'born again'?

Pharisee = a Jewish religious leader (Pharisees were very serious about their religion)
Rabbi = Jewish teacher
Son of Man = a way Jesus refers to himself
Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness = Refers to a story in Numbers 21:4-9, when the Israelites were wandering in the wilderness for 40 years.
perish = die

➤ Have you been born again?

How much credit can you take for this?

Jesus is talking about who can enter God's kingdom.

V10-13. Why can Jesus tell us the truth about spiritual things?

Where is Jesus "from"?

V14-15. What does Jesus mean when he says "The Son of Man must be lifted up"?

Read v16-21. What does it tell us about God's love?

How does God judge people?

Why do people prefer darkness rather than light?

What are the functions of light?

Is it good to have our deeds "exposed" (v20-21)? Why or why not?

How does God save people?

