

Sermon Discussion Questions for December 2, 2018:

Scripture Passages: John 1:1-13; Matthew 5:14-15

Jesus is the Light

1. What key point stood out to you from this week's message?
 2. Why do you think so much attention is given to lighting for Christmas decorations? For musical concerts or theatrical production? What about for parking lots in shopping centers? What purposes does light serve?
 3. In John's gospel, he describes Jesus as giving life and light to all people. Think about this: Darkness can be Overcome by Light. What about the opposite statement? Can Light be Overcome by Darkness? Think about the comparison of Jesus to Light. What light sources were available in Jesus' time? How about now? Is this still a good analogy today?
 4. Consider the ability of light to draw attention to blemishes, dust, mold, cracks, termites, etc. Why would someone want to shun the light in this situation? How did Jesus, the Light of the world, expose the dark places of people's minds and hearts? What was His solution (see verse 12-13)?
 5. Why did many in Jesus' time reject Him, the Light of the world? Why do people reject Him today?
 6. As receivers of the grace and mercy of God through Jesus Christ, we are called to be Light bearers. In Matthew 5:14-15 Jesus amazingly identifies believers as the light of the world, the same term given to Him by John in John 1. How do we practically "shine our light" for Jesus? Are there times when we "hide our light?" Can true followers of Jesus regularly hide their light?
 7. What will you do this week to be a "light in the world?"
- Remember to pray for each other's unique challenges and commit to pray throughout the week for one another.
 - Love others as Christ loves you.
 - Fill your mind and heart with the gospel of Christ Jesus.
 - Live out the gospel of Christ which calls for radical Love for God and Love for others.

