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WEEK 3 | GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

CONNECT

- Jesus is the light of the world. What is your favorite song with *light* in the title/lyrics?
- Here are a few songs that have the word *light* in them. Can you complete the lyric?
 - Hymn - *This little light of mine*, _____
 - The Doors - *Come on, baby, light my fire*, _____
 - Hillsong - *Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness*, _____
 - Journey - *When the lights go down in the city*, _____

CONSIDER

- What encouraged or challenged you from the sermon and/or daily devotions this week?

CHRIST

Read John 8:12 as a group.

- One of the key points to this verse is Jesus saying, I am **the** light of the world instead of saying I am **a** light in the world. Insinuating that he was the only source of light in the world enraged the religious leaders of the day. **How do you process this bold statement by Jesus?**
- Another bold statement Jesus makes in this verse is when he says that whoever follows him will have the *light of life*. **How do you interpret this statement? What is the light of life?**
- Psalm 119:105 is a familiar portion of scripture that proclaims that God's word will be "a lamp for my feet, a light for my path." There are two things this light provides: direction and protection. This light illuminates our path; the direction we should take and also illuminates any obstacles we might encounter along the way. It protects us from stubbing our toes or tripping over any obstacles that our path might contain. **Can you recall a time when the truth and wisdom of God's word gave you direction? Can you recall a time when God's word protected you, perhaps by recalling a scripture that reminded you what to do or not do? Share how God's word has given you direction or protection.**
- The opposite of light is dark. One interesting thing about God's word is that it is difficult to find any scripture verses about darkness that don't contain the word *light* in the same verse or the verse just before or after it. However, the same is not true of light. You can find many

verses about light, but the word *darkness* is not anywhere to be found. **As a group, go through this exercise. Google scriptures about darkness, then google scriptures about light. If you want to have some fun with this, split your group into two (Team Darkness and Team Light) and give yourself a 5-minute time limit. See which team finds the most scripture verses without the opposite word within one verse of scripture. What message does this communicate to you?**

- One interesting thing about the nature of light and darkness is that light can overcome darkness, but darkness cannot overcome light. You can bring a source of light into a dark room and the light will overcome it, but you cannot bring darkness into a well-lit area and turn that area into darkness. John, one of the gospel writers, opened his account of the life of Jesus declaring that “the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” (John 1:5) **Do you find comfort in this? How does this make you feel when we live in what is often a very dark world?**

CALLING

- **1 John 1:5-7** gives a unique insight into what it looks like to truly walk in the light.

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

Verse 7 tells us that, “if we walk in the light ... we have fellowship with one another.” In other words, it is hard to walk in the light and not have fellowship with each other. Many of our Life Groups are kicking off their fall session now. Joining a Life Group is simply the best way to “fellowship” here at Northside. **Consider what this scripture means, walk in the light, and join a Life Group today! Text GROUPS to 81212 to view our group options.**

- **Daily Devotions:** Spend 15 minutes each day with Northside devotions. Text DEVO to 81212 or use the Study tab in Northside’s mobile app for daily devotions.
- **Memorize:** *When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”* **John 8:12 (NIV)**
- **Further Study:** Press into these scriptures about light and darkness:
 - Ephesians 5:8
 - 2 Corinthians 6:14
 - 1 Peter 2:9
 - Matthew 5:16
 - 1 John 2:9-11