

John 8:12-30

Jesus' Claims:

Jesus spoke to them again: "I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in the darkness but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

- I Am (claim to be God)
- THE light (exclusivity of Jesus)
- The world, anyone (inclusivity invitation from Jesus)

Living in the Dark:

You can have knowledge without understanding (John 8:15, 19-27)

You can have religion and miss Jesus (John 8:14, 19, 23, 25, 27)

You can have morality and die in your sins (John 8:21, 24)

What does it mean to follow Jesus? (John 8:12):

"Following Jesus means learning to think, love, and live like Jesus in our everyday lives."

Learning to think like Jesus (Romans 12:2; Mark 12:30; John 5:39):

Question for reflection:

- What are the greatest influences on what and how I think about life's circumstances?

Learning to love like Jesus (Mark 10:17-31; Matthew 6:25-34; Matthew 5:43-47):

Questions for reflection:

- What love is setting the priorities of my life and attitudes of my heart?
- Who in my life do I need to love as Jesus has loved me?

Learning to live like Jesus (1 John 2:6; Matthew 7:24-29; Matthew 5-7):

Question for reflection:

- Are there compartments of my life that I have left Jesus out of?

Other helpful verses: John 3:19-21; 1 John (entire short book); Colossians 1:13; Isaiah 26:3-4; Isaiah 5:20, 55:8-9.

Helpful resources:

- Lectio365 App
- YouVersion Bible App
- Winning the War in Your Mind (Craig Groeschel)
- Renovation of the Heart (Dallas Willard)
- The Treasure Principle (Randy Alcorn)
- Everybody Always (Bob Goff)
- Live in Grace, Walk in Love (Bob Goff)
- Love Does (Bob Goff)

- Gospel Fluency  
(Jeff Vanderstelt)

- Practicing the Way  
(John Mark Comer)

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Pray:

Lay down any distractions, control, fears, etc. that will keep you from fully engaging in your time together.

Looking Back:

How have you been growing in Jesus lately through Bible reading/reflection, prayer, relationships, etc.?

Looking Up: Read John 8:12-30

When would you say you first began to truly follow Jesus? What was the progression like for you?

How have you seen Jesus' promise in John 8:12 to be true in your own life?

Pastor Jon said, "Following Jesus means learning to think, love, and live like Jesus in our everyday lives."

1. Which of those areas needs the most attention from you in this season of your life?
2. How do you see these being interconnected?
3. In what part of your "everyday life" is it most challenging to follow Jesus? How can we pray for you?

Pray:

Pray for one another based on what has been shared so far.

Read some of the other helpful verses provided. What stands out to you about how these relate to Jesus' statement in John 8:12?

Looking Forward:

What step of action is the Lord calling you to take? How can we support you and pray for you?