

# I Am the Light of the World

## Week Two

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### Talk About

- Do you remember a time when you were in the dark and wish you had light? What was that like?

**Read** Genesis 1:1-4; Exodus 13:20-22; Psalm 27:1; and Isaiah 49:6.

### Talk About

- What is the purpose or significance of light in these passages?

**Read** John 8:12-20.

### Talk About

This passage is part of a longer section where Jesus is teaching in the temple during the festival of Tabernacles. The law of the Covenant instructed the Israelite people to celebrate this festival in order to remember how the Lord had led them through the wilderness and provided water, food, and protection. This festival was held in the autumn and also celebrated the harvest and the autumn equinox. By Jesus' day, water and light were significant symbols during the festival (echoing Zechariah 14). According to rabbinic sources, during the festival the priests lit 16 large oil lamps in the Court of the Women in the temple—probably near where Jesus was standing when he made this statement.

- Given the background of the Old Testament passages above and the context of the festival, what do you think Jesus meant when he said, "I am the light of the world"?
- How have you experienced following Jesus as being like following a light through a dark place?

**Read** John 1:9, 17-18.

### Talk About

- Part of the purpose of light is to illumine and reveal. What are some ways that Jesus revealed God to us?
- What are some ways we as a church can look to Jesus as our Light?
- Are there specific areas where you need light right now?

### Respond

- Take time to pray for our church and to pray for one another.