

I AM: The One Who Lights the Darkness
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Read

Read John 8:12-20

Discuss

- Share about a time you had to walk someplace in the dark. What happened?
- Read together John 8:12-20. What surprises you from the passage? Is anything confusing? What is the one thing that sticks out to you the most?
- The Pharisees were the religious experts of their day; they spent their days talking about God. Yet when Jesus himself was right in front of them, they couldn't recognize Him. In what ways does religion keep people in the dark today?
- Chris talked a lot about the difference between walking in the dark and walking in the light. How do you know when you're walking in darkness? How do you know when you're walking in light? Can you give examples of each from your own life?
- Chris shared this quote from Dallas Willard, "As a disciple of Jesus, I am learning from Him how to lead my life as He would lead my life, if he were I." What is one area of your life that God is inviting you to choose to walk in the light, instead of the darkness?

Pray

Prayerfully read Psalm 51 out loud. Take a minute on your own to quietly talk to God about where you're walking in darkness. Then, as a group, pray words of encouragement over one another as you choose together to follow Jesus, the light of the world.

Next Steps

1. Take some time this week to ask God where you're living in darkness, and then invite Jesus to bring light to that space. Talk to a trusted friend or family member, asking them to pray for you and support you as you choose to step out of the darkness.
2. Subscribe to the Blackhawk Church podcast, and listen to this week's Next Steps podcast. Use the Examen to spend time reflecting on how God is working in your life.