

I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

'Jesus says 'I AM'' Lent series - Week 2
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Reading: John 8:12

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

For those who rely on their eyes to see, being plunged into darkness can be a confronting and disorienting experience. In the pitch black, we can rationally know that something is in front of us, but we cannot see it. It is, in one sense, un-real. When the light returns, clarity comes. We can see and experience what we know is true. We can see new things for the first time.

In this teaching, Lyn Edge reflects on Jesus as the light of the world. There are many ways that we are plunged into disorientating darkness. We may feel that our anchor point has disappeared. Yet into this disorientation Jesus brings light through his words of love, hope and action. Beyond this, he invites us to shine his light into the world around us. Through Jesus' love in action, we provide opportunity for people to see truth and love, which is otherwise obscured by the disorienting darkness.



Watch the video here: <https://youtu.be/4WCbYUtvrijU>

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Reflection Questions:

- What is some of the “disorientating darkness” that you encounter?
- In the midst of this disorientating darkness, what is the light you have hoped for? What have you needed to help guide you and remind you of truth, love and action?
- How do your actions bring light?
- How do they orientate yourself and others to justice and love?

Daily Bible Readings:

Day 1	John 7:1-13	How is Jesus participating in the Festival of Tabernacles?
Day 2	John 7:14-36	Observe the different perspectives toward Jesus
Day 3	John 7:37-52	Reflect on Jesus’ words and the variety of responses
Day 4	John 8:1-12	Consider where there is light and darkness in this scene
Day 5	John 8:12	Sit with this text, mulling it over slowly today
Day 6	Dt 16:12-14	Consider the origin of the Feast of Tabernacles/Booths
Day 7	John 8:12-33	What do we learn of Jesus’ identity?

Pray:

*Lord Jesus, God of light and love, thank you for coming into the disorientating darkness. You meet us in the places of darkness and confusion. As you reach out to us, may we see this hope and action extended into all of creation around us. Lord Jesus, we live in a world with so much disorientating darkness that it can sometimes feel overwhelming. Please help us to see You in amongst these circumstances: you have not left us alone. Thank you for the hope you bring us.
In Jesus name, Amen.*

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