

PART 2: Who Are You Following?

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START

Growing up we hear stories of us being afraid of the dark. We fear what bumps in the night. Strange noises make our hair stand on end. Our minds start to create horrific images to go with sounds that we hear. If we are honest with ourselves, even as adults there is something unsettling about being in the dark.

- What are you afraid of in the darkness?
- How would you describe the relief when light penetrates the darkness?

READ

[John 8:12](#) (NIV)

“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.’”

THINK

Jesus claims to be the light of the world. As we walk through the world we can easily see the darkness that envelops the world. Pride, greed, atrocities, and a number of unspeakable things. As we follow Jesus, journey with Him, He promises that we will never walk in darkness, but have abundant life. In other words, we will have Jesus.

- Where have you seen darkness in the world?
- How does walking with Jesus allow us to live an abundant life?
- How does knowing Jesus allow us to know God more fully?

Jesus illuminates everything. The darkness of the world and the sins lurking within us. He comes to defeat darkness, to defeat death, and we get to partner with Him to carry His light throughout the world. As we carry His light, we bring light to darkness around us through our faith and actions.

- What sin lurks within you that Jesus is bringing into the light?
- How are you carrying the light to those around you?

PRAY

“God, shine your light within me and around me. Bring whatever sins are lurking within me to the light so that I can be made clean. Allow me to carry your light to everyone around me, knowing everyone needs you.”

ACT

This week, take a practical step to share the light of Jesus to those around you.

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