

For Further Study
Fellowship Group Notes
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Welcome

In London, we sometimes struggle to see the stars because of light pollution. What has been your darkest moment?

Are we afraid of the dark?

Not in terms of anguish or challenge but have you experienced in one way or another there being no light at all?

Where was it and what did it feel like?

Worship

Ask someone to read through Psalm 27 slowly.

Share pictures or stories or incidents from the bible that this Psalm reminds you of.

Why is light such a useful picture or metaphor in scripture?

Song Suggestions:

- Light of the World you stepped down into darkness

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-MmRGSEG2LM>

- Bless the Lord O my Soul

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WLkcXsK2IZg>

- No longer slaves

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f8TkUMJtK5k>

Word

Read John chapter 8 verses 12-20

What questions do you ask about Jesus? What questions have you ever heard others ask about Jesus?

- Can you think of other occasions where Jesus teaches using the idea of light?
- How do we avoid walking in darkness?
- Why do you think Jesus says, "Whoever follows me..." rather than, "Whoever has decided to follow me..."?
- Does the answer to the previous question have implications for what we understand about discipleship and the idea of "being converted"?
- Why was the phrase, "I am" such a loaded phrase? Later on in the chapter v58 & 59 we see that using these words was considered blasphemy and they picked up stones to kill Jesus (Leviticus 24:13-16 outlines punishment for blasphemy.)

Witness

What darkness is there in the world where the light of Jesus might make a difference?

How does the light of Jesus shine into the darkness?

Who is the light of the world in Matthew 5:14-16. How does that work?