

"I Am The Light of the World"

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Scripture Reading: John 8: 12 NRSV

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

Discussion Questions:

1. Light is used a considerable amount in Scripture symbolically, particularly as a description of God. Why do you think that is? What does light do?
2. What do you think Jesus means when he says "I am the light of the world."
3. People got really offended when Jesus would use these "I Am" statements. Was Jesus being arrogant by saying this? Why did he say it, even when he knew people would get miffed by these words?
4. How does Jesus lighten the darkness of this world? How has he been a light to you?
5. In another passage says that WE are the light of the world. Does this light come from us or from somewhere else?
6. Like Florence Nightingale, how can we develop a reputation of being "Ladies of the Lamp" and "Gentlemen of the Lamp" that shed light in our world today?
7. Jesus emphasizes the importance of his light that we need to follow closely. Where do you think Jesus is going? Why do we need to stick closely to him?