



SBSG – Come & See: Who is Jesus?: Week 2

The Purpose of a Sermon Based Small Group (to be read at the beginning of each gathering)

The purpose of our small group is to actively pursue Christ through grace filled relationships.

READ ALOUD BY ALL (allow this prayer to shape your time together)

Dear God, help me in this dialogue to be humble & suspend judgment. I recognize that we are all created in your image. Give me courage to stay curious about each other by asking questions. Thank you, God, for this opportunity to meet together and in so doing grow closer to you. AMEN

Sermon Title & Synopsis: Come & See: Who is Jesus? Jesus makes a bold declaration in Gospel of John 8:12: “I am the light of the world.” Spoken during the Festival of Tabernacles when Jerusalem was glowing with towering temple lamps Jesus’ claim would have been shocking. He doesn’t say he brings light. He says he *is* the light. Light reveals what’s real, even the parts of our lives we’d rather keep hidden. Light guides us forward, often not with a full roadmap, but with just enough clarity for the next faithful step. In a world that can feel uncertain, overwhelming, or quietly dark, this sermon invites us to trust that the light is still shining—and that the darkness does not win.

Opening Question: What does light represent to you?

Bible Reading

Reading the Bible is about reading for practice and spiritual formation – spiritual formation, in which the reader seeks to be formed by the Spirit of God.

John 8:12 (CEB), ¹² Jesus spoke to the people again, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me won’t walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”

John 3:19-20 (CEB), ¹⁹ “This is the basis for judgment: The light came into the world, and people loved darkness more than the light, for their actions are evil. ²⁰ All who do wicked things hate the light and don’t come to the light for fear that their actions will be exposed to the light.

Bible Questions:

In John 8:12 Jesus proclaims he was the light of the world. Why was this so shocking?

What does it practically look like to *follow* Jesus in a way that brings light into a specific area of your life right now?

From the Sermon

What would 'just enough light for the next step' look like for you—not the whole plan, just the next move?

Digging Deeper on Your Own: Sign-up here to experience the Good Shepherd Lenten Devotional - <https://goodshepherdkc.churchcenter.com/calendar/event/214821881>

Personal Prayer Request

Share a one or two sentence prayer request with the Small Group for this next week. Remember these prayer requests are about **your life**, not someone else's.

(Sample Prayer)

God, we thank you for your presence with us. We lift up these requests to you knowing that you care deeply about us...we pray for _____ and _____ and (fill in prayer requests) ... God we know that you have heard our request, and we release all outcomes to you and your glory. It's in your Son's name Jesus that we pray...**AMEN.**