



**Riverstone**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

## **Sermon Based Questions**

Date- Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Series- I AM Saying: The Light

### **I am the light**

12 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."

John 8:12

**1. Jesus is the light of the World. (John 8:12-20)**

**2. From above or from below? (John 8:21-30)**

### **A. Examining the texts.**

1. Read John 8:12. What do these verses say about Jesus and about those who walk with him? What were some of the OT references that Marcus mentioned about the theme of light? Why is the OT background helpful for “filling the picture about Jesus?” (See Gen 1:3, Exo 13:21-22, Ps. 27:1)
2. Read John 8:13-18. What objections did the people have toward Jesus as he made his claim concerning his own identity? How did he answer these claims?
3. Read John 8:19-20. What does Jesus say about “his Father,” here? What does this say about how he viewed himself? What do you think John meant when he said- “his time had not come?”
4. Read John 8:21-30. What did Jesus mean when he said that he was going away and how was it understood/misunderstood?
5. Read John 8:28-29. What does Jesus say about when the people will know that “I am he?” What is this a reference too?

### **B. Meditation & application**

6. What does it mean to you that Jesus calls himself the light of the world? How does this statement “fill out,” your picture of who Christ is and what his life means for you?
7. What are some “from below,” mindsets that you can fall into that hinder your perception of Jesus?
8. How could you foster mindsets that help you view Jesus “from above?”

**Challenge:** This week read Johns gospel and ask Jesus to help you see him rightly and to bring his light into your life.

Heavenly Father- we thank you for the light that Jesus brings with him. We ask that we might see him rightly and that we might walk in the light. In Jesus Name- Amen.