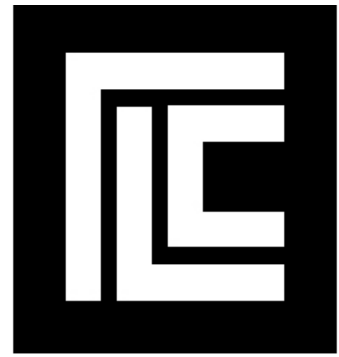


I Am

April 21, 2024

John 8:12-59



On Sunday we picked back up in our I Am series. We looked at another one of Jesus' statements and the story that it is embedded in. Jesus is the light of the world. His proclamation of this and the response that followed offers us the chance to reassess our source(s) of light and invites us to surrender to Jesus for true fulfillment.

Getting Started

What's the time that comes to mind when you have seen the night sky and the stars most clearly? Where were you? Share with the group how you felt.

Read

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Digging Deeper

- From the text above, we see a bold declaration from Jesus followed by a resistant response from his audience. Picture yourself in the temple listening to Jesus. How do you think you would have responded? Was there anything about Sunday's teaching on this text that shed new light on this moment in the life of Jesus?
- There is darkness around us and within us. The question to ask is: where or who do we turn for light? Did any of the examples Austin gave on Sunday connect for you? Where would you say you find yourself turning to for light in this season?
- On Sunday Austin used the illustration of light pollution and said that in West Michigan, it can be easy for us to fall back on our tradition the way that some of Jesus' audience did. How did this resonate with you?
- The light of life isn't found anywhere but in the person of Jesus. How can we ensure that our relationship with Jesus is more than just activity performed out of duty or tradition and truly reflects discipleship to Jesus? Did you sense God saying anything to you specifically on Sunday?



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