



## LIFELINE Discussion Guide

Week of December 18, 2023

1. Does your family hang Christmas lights anywhere on the outside or inside of the house? What is the best part about displaying Christmas lights? What do you enjoy most about them? What is the worst part about Christmas lights?
2. Have someone in your group read John 8:12-20 aloud. In multiple places in John's gospel, Jesus speaks some important "I am" statements. Which one is spoken here? What does it mean to walk in darkness? What are some ways that Jesus bring His light to our intellects — our morality — and our spirits?
3. Look back to John 1:1-3; 9. What connections do you see between John's opening prologue and this event where Jesus speaks out during the Feast of Tabernacles?
4. During the Exodus, God led the children of Israel through the wilderness with a protective cloud by day and a fiery pillar at night. So what was Jesus suggesting when He declared Himself "the light of the world" in front of the crowds? (see also John 12:46).
5. How did the religious elites respond to Jesus' declaration about being "the light of the world?" What similar responses do we see from today's secular culture? How does today's world typically view Jesus?
6. When the religious elites challenged Jesus' testimony— He confirmed that He was speaking the truth about Himself (John 8:14-15). How do we know that Jesus was speaking the truth? (Hint: Jesus is divine, the Son of God). What did He know that the religious leaders didn't know?
7. According to Jesus, who was the 2<sup>nd</sup> witness joining with Him in testifying (18) about His true identity as the light of the world? Read these two passages and see what else this witness said: Matthew 3:16-17; Matthew 17:4-5.
8. Pastor Ryan said "*Even the brightest light is only good if you follow it.*" What does that mean? What are some practical ways that you can follow Jesus daily? If someone who wasn't a Christian asked you about how they could follow Jesus, what would you tell them?