

DISCUSSION 1

The I am & the light of the world

1. Find all the “I am” statements in this week’s passage. How do these truths impact your life or bring you hope? Is there one in particular that sticks out to you? If so, why do you think that one stands out?
2. How can these statements encourage us when we are going through difficult times
3. Light is an important concept in John’s gospel (1:7-9). How does the metaphor of light help us know Jesus better?

DISCUSSION 2

A relationship with the Father

1. Jesus talks about his relationship with his Father in verses 14-19. What can we learn about Jesus from the way he describes his relationship with his Father?
2. Why is it important to us that Jesus has this type of relationship with the Father?
3. Verses 21-30 describe how the Father supports the Son. Read these verses and list out the ways the Father supports Jesus.

DISCUSSION 3

Being in Christ

1. Jesus encourages believers to “abide” in him, which is a strong theme in John’s gospel. How can this theme motivate us to live for him? How are you doing personally when it comes to abiding?

2. In verse 36, Jesus talks about freedom. Does freedom in Christ mean we can do whatever we want? Why or why not?
3. What does it mean to be a slave to sin? What is the solution to that slavery?

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. Give the kids flashlights and either have them go into a closet or make the room dark. Ask them what they can see when it is totally dark and what they can see when the light comes on. Discuss how this exercise can help you better understand who Jesus is.
2. Consider having an age-appropriate discussion about the history of slavery in the United States. Talk about how it would feel to be a slave with a mean master. Discuss how physical slavery can relate to sin and its hold over us.
3. Talk about some of the sins you've committed (it may help for parents to go first). Then, discuss how abiding in Jesus can help us overcome sin.

APPLICATION

- Think about how God has helped you overcome darkness or struggle in the past. Consider journaling about this faithfulness, particularly in light of any current struggles you are going through.
- Ask God to reveal any ways you are currently living as a slave to sin. Ask others to pray for you and hold you accountable as you fight sin.