

THE I AM STATEMENTS OF JESUS: "I AM the Light of the World"
John 8:12

Getting Started

1.	Share a story or memory you have in relation to darkness. Were you afraid of the dark as a
	child? Have you experienced an extended power outage or been stranded on a dark highway?
	What emotions did you go through? What was your feeling when the darkness was finally
	broken?

2. What words or feelings do you associate with light?

Digging Deeper

- 1. Before we begin our study, write out a few of your thoughts and feelings as you consider Jesus' words from John 8:12: "I AM the Light of the world." 2. Read Exodus 13:21-22, 2 Chronicles 7:1-3, and Ezekiel 10:4. Describe the visible presence of God in the Old Testament.
- 3. Later in Ezekiel 10 you can read Ezekiel's vision in which God leaves the temple His light departs. We heard, "And from that day until Jesus' arrival, the glory of God was unseen in Israel." Read Isaiah 49:6. Given this promise, in those centuries of darkness, what should Israel have been doing?

4. Pastor Jeremiah described darkness in four ways which are listed below. For each, read the scripture and describe how it shows up in our world today.	
Personal – Ephesian 6:12	
Power – Colossians 1:13	
Preference – John 3:19-21	
A Place – Matthew 8:12	
5. We heard, "As long as Jesus was in the world, He was the light of the world." Read Matthew 5:14-16. Who is the light of the world now? How is that made possible? How do you feel about this responsibility?	

Applying the Message

1. Do you ever *feel* overtaken by the darkness in our world?

2. How do you see the Light of Christ in the world today, despite the darkness? What's more, how do you **be** the light?