

I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

John 8.12-30 // November 15, 2020

LIGHT IN DARKNESS

This is the second time Jesus used the important phrase, "I AM," which in Greek is "ego eimi," and is best translated as "I AM WHO I AM." This is the name of God.

- **"Lord" is His Title.** this denotes His activity or role. Such as "Pastor Jobey."
- **"God" is *what* He is.** He is "a" god (though of course we know He is *the* true and only God). So, this is like saying "Pastor Jobey is a man," whereas "Pastor" tells us what the man *does*.
- **"LORD" is His Name.** It is synonymous with "Yahweh" in the Old Testament. This Name is built upon the phrase "I AM WHO I AM."

During this Feast of Tabernacles, light was an important theme. Sixteen bowls of oil were lit in the Temple area to light up Jerusalem, and here Jesus declares that *He* is the Light of the world!

THE WITNESS OF JESUS

The Pharisees know what He is claiming, so they push back upon Him again. But He reminds them that He does have a witness, and that is His Father. But they don't know the Father because their sin has blinded them from seeing the light.

The Light of the World was sent by God the Father to save those who are living in darkness from their own sin. He gave up His own rights and comforts in heaven in order to bring life to those who were living in death.

**He gave up heaven,
in order to give us heaven.**

WALK IN THE LIGHT

**The lowering of Christ not only tells us what He has done,
But what we also ought to do.**

Philippians 2.3-8 // John 1.9-13 // Hebrews 2.6-10
John 13.14, 15 // 1 John 1.5-10

We should never think we are above suffering, the laying down of our rights, the humble serving of others, esteeming others as greater than us, washing the feet of others, or enduring hardship from our enemies. All of these Christ also endured, and He did so not just *for* us, but also as an example to us, that we might follow in His footsteps.



NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Acts 2:39

For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshiping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **John 8.12-30**. What stands out in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

How does the reality of us not having our own source of light help us to grasp, love, and walk in the truth of the Gospel in a more humble way towards God and others?

Your Life Mission

God has given you people to be a reflection of Him (like the moon) to shine His light in their dark world. What conversations may be upcoming that you could use prayer for?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself**
 - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- **Repent and Confess**
 - Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision**
 - Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving**
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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