

GBC Discipleship RESOURCE



FOLLOWING JESUS IN JOHN'S GOSPEL

Week Two | The Light Of The World

For a brief overview of why (and how) to engage in each of these practices, you can read the [Guideline For Growing](https://www.gymeabaptist.org.au/growing/pages/guideline-for-growing) on our website.

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OVERVIEW

In John 8:12 Jesus declares that he is “the light of the world” and follows this with an invitation to follow him with the promise that those who do “will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life”. Understanding what Jesus means in his self-description as “the light of the world” will determine our understanding of what it means to follow “the light of the world”.

1. PASSAGES TO MEDITATE ON

As you read these Scriptures consider the role that light plays in our understanding of God’s plans and purposes and/or the invitation for us to participate with those plans.

- Isaiah 8:19-9:7

- Isaiah 60:1-3
- Matthew 5:14-16
- 1 John 5:5-7
- Revelation 21:22-27

2. JOURNALING QUESTIONS

- Where are you from? Consider the things (e.g., relationships, experiences) that shape your identity. How is your identity shaped by following Jesus?
- Where are you going? Consider how your identity determines your direction in life. How might your identity as a follower of Jesus change your direction?

3. PRAYER THEME

The invitation to follow Jesus

- Give thanks for those who have played a part in inviting you to continue to follow Jesus.
- Ask for insight into how you can invite others to follow Jesus (e.g., children, grandchildren, colleagues, neighbours)

4. A TEXT TO INTERNALISE

- Psalm 119:105