

Study Guide for April 26th, 2009 Light Confronting Darkness John 8:12-20

Introduction: Describe a time you stumbled over something in the dark. After the light came on, what perspective did you gain on that which caused you to stumble?

I. The Claim: I am the LIGHT of the World. (John 8:12)

- A. Fill in the blanks and spend a few minutes reflecting on this claim Jesus makes.

"I am the ____ of the _____. Whoever _____ me, will never walk in _____, but will have the ____ of _____. "

- B. How has John further developed the image of Jesus as the LIGHT in these verses?

- 1) John 1:4-5: 2) John 9:4-5: 3) John 12:35-36:

- C. How should grasping this truth, Jesus is the LIGHT, affect our attitudes and actions?

II. The Challenge and the Rebuttal: (John 8:13-14)

- A. What challenge do the Pharisees level against Jesus? (see also John 5:31)

- B What standard was required by the Law of Moses? (see Deut. 17:6 & 19:15) Why?

- C. Why does Jesus claim to be able to offer true testimony concerning himself?

- D. How is Jesus' credibility challenged today? How can / should we defend it?

III. The Indictment and the Contrast: (John 8:15-18)

- A. What charge does Jesus level at the Pharisees? What claim does Jesus assert?

- B. If Jesus was to judge, on what basis would his judgments be right? (Jn. 5:19 & 30)

- C. If not judgment, what is Jesus' purpose at this time? (see John 3:17 & 12:47)

IV. The Ignorant exposed: (John 8:19-20)

- A. What question do the Pharisees now pose to Jesus? How does he respond?

- B. Write out I John 2:23. What light does it shed on Jesus answer in vs. 19?

- C. Where does Jesus give this teaching? What could not happen there? Why?