



The Light of Life

Prayer

Text: John 8:1-12

Icebreaker: Describe how light is an appropriate metaphor for Christ; and explain how darkness is an appropriate metaphor for sin and spiritual blindness?

1. What prophecy did Isaiah make concerning the coming Messiah? Isaiah 9:2

2. What marvelous claim did Jesus make for Himself in the following verses?

John 8:12 _____

John 9:4-5 _____

3. How does John introduce Jesus and His forerunner, John the Baptist?

John 1:4-5 _____

John 1:6-9 _____

4. How do we keep from stumbling in the darkness of this world?

John 11:9; 1 John 1:7, 9

5. Where did Jesus spend the night following the Feast of Tabernacles, and where did He go the next morning? John 8:1-2

6. What was the spiritual condition of both the woman brought to Jesus and her accusers? John 8:3-4, 6a

Putting Jesus on the spot they waited expectantly for Him to make His first mistake. If Jesus answered: *Stone her!* Many would shudder and forsake Him. Such harsh condemnation would have been contrary to His message of love, grace, forgiveness and salvation for sinners. Not just that, but He would be usurping Rome's authority to put someone to death. These men would have liked nothing better than to have the Roman government arrest Jesus and do their dirty work for them, thus saving them face with the people.

7. What hypocrisy becomes evident in the plot of Israel's religious leaders?
John 8:4-5 with Deuteronomy 22:22 and Leviticus 20:10

8. What wisdom can we learn from Jesus about handling a situation when our enemies want to ask beguiling and misleading questions? John 8:6b; Proverbs 17:27-28

9. What do you think Jesus may have written in the dust? verse 6b

10. What convicting answer did Jesus finally give them? John 8:7

11. What work did the Holy Spirit do in the hearts of this woman's accusers as Jesus knelt again to write in the dust? John 8:8-9

12. What tragedy took place here as each accuser slipped away beginning with the oldest to the youngest? John 3:18-21; 9:39-41

13. What answer did this woman give to Jesus when He asked: *Where are you accusers, has no one condemned you?* John 8:10-11

14. What evidence do we have in this woman's answer that she had placed her faith in the Savior? John 8:11; 1 Corinthians 12:3; Romans 10:9-13

15. What new power did she discover in her life in becoming a child of God? John 8:11
Matthew 1:20-21; 1 John 2:1

Think about it this week:

That morning a group of hypocrites ran from the *Light of Life* lest their sins should be exposed, but a sinner came to the light and found forgiveness and salvation.

*He who believes in Him is not condemned;
but he who does not believe is condemned already,
because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.
And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world,
and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.
For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light,
lest his deeds should be exposed.*

~ John 3:18-20

Have I come to the Light of Life and put my trust in the Savior? If so, He has said to me as He did to this dear woman: *Neither do I condemn you. Go and sin no more!*