

I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

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Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven and destroy them? But Jesus turned and rebuked them... Luke 9:54-55 NIV

Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?" God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you.' Exodus 3:13-14 NIV

Jesus spoke to the people once more and said: I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life. John 8:12 NLT

First, we're to _____ in Light

"contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints." Jude 1:3 NIV

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Romans 12:2 NIV

Second, we're to _____ as Light

This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. John 3:19-20 NIV

Third, we're to _____ the Light

How can we grow spiritually mature Jesus-followers who maintain a deep-seated love and concern for the welfare of those outside the family of faith?

Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love. Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. Revelation 2:4-5 NIV

For God so loved he world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 NIV

QUESTIONS FOR GROUPS //

- *When Jesus says, “I am the light,” what does he mean?
(Think about what light does)*
- *How do you need Jesus to be light in your life right now?*
- *What’s it mean to “walk in the light?” (Read Romans 12:2)*
- *How can you walk in the light in your life right now?*
- *What’s it look like to “spread the light?”*
- *How can you spread the light in your life right now?*