



OCTOBER THEME



"I AM"

Week Two – "I AM the Light of the world"

Monday ~ READ

READ John 8:58 and John 8:12-18 in several translations and paraphrases of Scripture.

*www.Biblegateway.com is a great place to view varied translations and paraphrases of Scripture

Tuesday ~ COPY

COPY John 8:58 and John 8:12-18 in your preferred translation or paraphrase. Then, underline the main statement Jesus makes about Himself in verse 12, but also other statements about Himself in the following verses.

Wednesday ~ PONDER

- First, let's look at what Jesus said, and the context in which He said it. So, before Jesus declared, "**I AM the light of the world**" in verse 12, what had just taken place in verses 1-11? And in that scenario, how did the light of Jesus break through the many levels of darkness that were present? Journal your thoughts.
- **Jesus said, "I AM the Light of the world."** Light does many things. For instance, light shines, exposes, penetrates, nurtures growth... and so much more! Make a list of as many things as you can think of that light does. Then pick 5 from your list that are the most impacting to you and consider how Jesus, being the Light, does those very things in your life. Journal your thoughts.
- In verse 12, Jesus said, "...he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life." Even as Christians, there can be areas of our lives where we are not specifically "**following Jesus**" and are therefore walking in darkness. Take a moment to ponder your present "**following**" of Jesus and the level of light/darkness in your life. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal anything you need to see and adjust. Journal your thoughts.
- Fill in the blank of this response in verse 13 of the Pharisees statement to Jesus' claim, "**Your witness is not _____.**" Their response of fleshly unbelief reasoned Jesus was making this claim about Himself; He had no other witness. So, how did Jesus answer their unbelief? Journal what you find in the verses.
- Although our reasons of unbelief may be different from the Pharisees, when Jesus says to us, "**I AM the Light of the world**" sometimes the response of our heart is, "**That is not true,**" because we may feel the darkness around us as we "**judge situations according to the flesh**" (vs. 15). Consider any areas of your heart/mind where you may be questioning Jesus being the Light of the world, and consider why you struggle to believe. Journal your thoughts.

Thursday ~ PRAY

PRAY Use the prompts below to pray into the Truths of John 8:12-18

- **PRAISE JESUS** as the **Light of the world!** (Use your list of what light does and specifically honor Him)
- **ASK JESUS** to reveal any places in your life where you are "**not following Him and walking in darkness**"
- **CONFESS** any unbelief you have in regard to Jesus being the **Light of the World.**
- **TALK TO JESUS** about His light shining in at least 5 different areas of your life.

Friday ~ LISTEN

LISTEN to a message on John 8:12-18 on our YouTube Channel, *Established Footsteps Ministry*.

*The video will be posted by Friday and the link will be sent to you via email.

Saturday ~ SHARE

SHARE the encouragement of John 8:12-18 with someone who is walking in darkness...