



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...