

Sermon Overview CEFC
October 29, 2023

Title: Light

Passage: John 8:12-30

Introduction

Series Purpose: What we _____ about _____ is still a matter of _____ and _____.

Question: With so much _____ all around us, how can we _____ that the _____ still shines?

Main Point: Though the darkness may _____ the Light, the Light will always _____ the darkness.

Seeing the Light in the Darkness

Truth: The darkness will do anything to _____ the light.

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Paradox: Although the _____ was moment that the _____ was the _____, it was also the moment when the _____ shone the _____.

Conclusion

Sermon Based Small Group Questions

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Main Point: Though the darkness may resist the Light, the Light will always pierce the darkness.

1. Read John 8:12-30 as a group. What stands out to you?
2. Of all of the reasons that assure us that the Bibles we possess are completely reliable, which do you find the most compelling and why?
3. Put yourself in the place of the crowds, who for seven nights had celebrated around the torches in the temple. When Jesus claimed to be the Light of the World, how might you have reacted? Why?
4. How is the light that Jesus shines like the pillar of fire that accompanied Israel in their wanderings in the desert. How is it different?
5. The Pharisees appealed to the legal system as a reason for ignoring the light. What are some things we may use to justify ignoring Jesus' light when He shines it into the dark places of our lives?
6. The cross was both the darkest moment in human history and also the moment when the light shone the brightest. Spend some time reflecting on that paradox as a group. What can it teach us in the darkest moments of our lives?