

MARCH 29, 2020 | AARON CLOUD

Recap: Wrong assumptions lead to wrong conclusions.

Key question: How do we navigate life well when it sometimes feels like we are navigating in the dark?

What does it mean for us when Jesus claims that He is the light of the world?

Observation: Apart from Jesus, we walk in darkness doing our best to navigate life.

How do we navigate life:

Emotion: What feels right

Culture: What is accepted as right

Familiar: What I am used to being right

Family: What I have seen modeled & lived as right (Ephesians 5:8-11)

Biblically: Walking in darkness is living in sin apart from the truth of Jesus.

Jesus' Claim: I am the Light of the World.

For us this means that Jesus is:

Truth

Salvation

Provision

Protection

Challenge: Can we trust our life to Jesus?

- Pharisees: Your testimony is not valid - can we trust what you say?
- Jesus' word, works, & witnesses validate His identity & trustworthiness (John 5:31-40)

The Call:

To follow Jesus out of darkness into light. Will we receive Jesus like this?

- An exodus from the wilderness of sin into the life-giving truth of Jesus

To Follow Jesus is:

Not emulation but transformation

Not sort-of but surrendered

To leave behind the darkness & step into light.

Discipling with Family & Friends

1. Is there a time you have ever gotten lost in the dark? What did you feel in that moment? How does this experience relate to trying to navigate life without faith in Jesus?
2. When attempting to navigate life which of these four methods do you tend to default to:
 - Emotion: What feels right
 - Culture: What is accepted as right
 - Familiar: What I am used to
 - Family: What I have seen modeled and lived as right
3. How does this quote by C.S. Lewis help bring understanding to the idea that Jesus is the light of the world? What do you think C.S. Lewis means: "I believe in Christianity as I believe that the Sun has risen, not only because I see it but because by it, I see everything else."
4. In John 8:12, Jesus says that those who follow Him will not walk in darkness but have the light of life. Talk about what it means practically & tangibly to follow Jesus. How does following Jesus change the way that we navigate life?
5. What is one tangible point of action & application you are taking from the message this week?