

ALIVE IN ME

“The Light of the World”

April 18, 2021

Text: John 8:12-20

Part 2 of “Alive In Me”

REVIEW: As the bread of life...

1. Jesus _____ our hunger.
2. Jesus _____ our needs.
3. Jesus _____ our souls.

Jesus: Light for Life

1. Cause: I am the _____ of the world.
2. Effect: Whoever follows me will have the _____ of _____.
3. Jesus – the light of the world – gives _____ to life.
 - a. Matt. 16:26

Jesus: Light for the Law

1. John 3:17, For God did not send his Son into the world to _____ the world, but in order that the world might be _____ through him.
2. "They see his 'flesh', as it were, but never contemplate the possibility that he could be the _____ made flesh (John 1:14)... They see the Son of _____, but fail to consider if he might be also the Son of _____."
3. Jesus – the light of the world – gives _____ and _____ and _____ to God's law.
 - a. 1 Sam. 16:7

Jesus: Light for the Father

1. "If you _____ me, you would _____ my Father also."
2. Jesus – the light of the world – reveals and defines the Father.
 - a. John 8:19, 14:6-7

ACTIVITY & DISCUSSION FOR FAMILIES

Play a game of follow-the-leader, if you can, in the dark (or as dark as safely possible). And have only the leader carry a flashlight. Talk about what could happen if others wandered away from the leader's lead - could they get lost or trip over something without that guiding light? What does it look like when we try to take a different path than following the light of the world?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

This week's text is John 8:12-20. For more context, read all of John 8.

Dig Deeper: Grab a good study Bible that has notes, a concordance, or a cross-reference system and study ideas, words, and themes from this sermon.

OPTIONAL: The 7 "I AM" statements of Jesus are found in the Gospel of John. Read through the entire gospel of John over this spring. Let the Lord use the entire letter to speak to you about the person and work of Jesus and the way Jesus brings us eternal life.

Take a moment to look back on your week! Have a couple people share: what are some highs, lows, and/or buffalos? (Highs=highpoints, Lows=low points, Buffalos=interesting)

Read John 8:12, then Galatians 2:20, then Matthew 5:14-16. How does Galatians 2:20 connect Jesus as the light of the world with his disciples - the church - as the light of the world?

How does knowing Jesus take some of the mystery out of this life on Earth?

How does knowing Jesus take some of the crushing weight and pressure out of the law and add joy along our pursuit of Godliness?

How does knowing Jesus help us know God the Father?

Who do you sense the Lord is leading you to share some of this gospel truth with this week?

Lord Jesus, you are the Bread of Life. Where else, O Lord, can we find the life that we truly desire but in You? Forgive us for searching for satisfaction elsewhere. Give us a hunger for you, Jesus, for more of you. Holy Spirit, teach us to delight in Jesus in everyday life and to trust in Jesus for our everyday needs. As we enjoy our blessings and as we fast from the things of this world, may we draw ever nearer to you, and may our hearts be set on eternal life, Amen.