

# FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For week of September 6, 2020

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## MY STORY

Were you afraid of the dark as a child?

**QUICK REVIEW:** Looking back at this week’s teaching, was there a particular point, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you, or raised a question?

## DIGGING DEEPER

1. John the Baptist’s mission was to “be a witness of the Light.”

- What comes to mind when you hear the word “witness”? What impact does that have on our lives as Christians?
- John writes, *He [the Baptist], was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.* Why do you think John included that in his description of John the Baptist?
- Do you think one has to experience the light of Jesus in order to share the light of Jesus?

2. John’s assertion that Jesus is the **true** light is pretty bold. What evidence do we have that it is true?

- How does the fact that Jesus’ light exposes everything make you feel?

- Why does the light have to be revealed to us? Can we find it on our own? What keeps us from it?

3. Jesus is the Father’s expression of grace and truth. How do the following verses support that?

Jn. 6:35-40; 8:12, 31-32; 11:25-26; 12:35-36; 14:6

## TAKING IT HOME

These days, we need God’s light more than ever. Proverbs 4:18-19 describe His “dimmer switch” principle. Verse 18 says He gives more light to those who obey Him. Verse 19 illustrates the peril of disobedience. What can you do to ‘turn up the light’?

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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## Tips on Group Prayer

Prayer is an important part of being in a Small Group. We've found that group prayer goes better when we follow three simple guidelines:

### WE PRAY FOR ONE TOPIC AT A TIME

Anyone in the group is free to introduce a prayer request. Once a request is introduced, the group focuses on that request. Once it's covered, the group moves on to the next topic.

### PRAY MORE THAN ONCE

Because the group is focusing on one topic at a time, each person is encouraged to pray several times during the prayer time for those topics they feel most led to pray about. No one is required to pray out loud.

### WE KEEP OUR PRAYERS SHORT & SIMPLE

Group prayer goes better when members keep their prayers short and to the point. When someone prays for a long time, it's hard for the other members to stay focused, and long prayers tend to intimidate those who are just learning to pray out loud in a group.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Missionary of the Month**—Please pray for Tim & Heidi Olson, our missionaries in Romania.

**Women's Bible Studies**—You can sign up on the church website or call Adina at the church office: 687-9444 by 4:30 Sept. 7.

**Small Group Sign-ups** are happening now! Fill out your connection card and let us know you're interested and we'll get you in a group.



## The Gospel of John *That You May Believe—Who is Jesus?*

John 1:6-18 (ESV) Jim Vandermeer – September 6, 2020

### Just who *is* Jesus and what does He have to do with *me*?

#### I John came as a witness of the Light 1:6-8

- A. He \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus's \_\_\_\_\_ in his life
- B. He \_\_\_\_\_ his experience \_\_\_\_\_
- C. His \_\_\_\_\_ was that \_\_\_\_\_ would \_\_\_\_\_

#### II Jesus is the TRUE Light 1:9-13

- A. He came from \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_
- B. He \_\_\_\_\_ anything that is \_\_\_\_\_
- C. He \_\_\_\_\_ his light to us

#### III He came so we could receive the Light 1:14-17

- A. His light is full of \_\_\_\_\_
- B. His grace never \_\_\_\_\_
- C. His truth always \_\_\_\_\_