

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For week of January 31, 2021

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### MY STORY

If you lost one of your senses, which one would you want it to be? Did anyone choose sight?

**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. Jesus' claim to be "the light of the world" is pretty audacious. How did He back it up?
2. How does Jesus' claim separate Him from other religious leaders—Confucius, Mohammed, Gandhi?
3. The Pharisees were experts in the Jewish Law and the scriptures yet they didn't "get" Jesus. How could that be the case? Can the same thing happen to us?

4. Understanding Jesus is a heart issue, not a head issue. Agree or disagree? How does this affect our efforts to reach others for Him?
5. Sin has an effect on our relationship with and understanding of God. What do the following verses say about this?  
  
Jn. 8:24; 12:35-36 Heb. 3:12-13 Prov. 4:18-19
6. There is a saying that "Familiarity breeds contempt". Can it apply to us as Jesus followers? How do we guard against it?

### PRAYER REQUEST

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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**

**Missionaries of the Month** Please pray for Ruth Parajuli and her work in Nepal.

**Firewood Cutting and Delivery** Join us on February 6<sup>th</sup> at 9am behind the Youth Home for some ministry to our neighbors.



## **The Gospel of John---That You May Believe**

### ***The Light of the World***

John 8:12-30 (ESV) Jim Vandermeer January 31, 2021

#### **I Introduction: An Interesting [Bible] Story**

Theologian Leon Morris describes this passage like this – *But if we cannot feel that this is part of John's gospel we can feel that the story is true to the character of Jesus. Throughout the history of the church it has been held that, whoever wrote it, this little story is authentic. It rings true. It speaks to our condition. It is thus worth our while to study it, though not as an authentic part of John's writing.*

#### **II The Proof of Light**

- Phrases of a Unique Claim
- The two true Witnesses: God and Jesus

#### **III The Only Way**

- Dying in our sin
- Completely different
- Who He really is