



John 8:12-20

The Big Picture

- In the Tabernacle, the menorah served to remind Israel that God is the Light of the World.
- During the Feast of Tabernacles, there were four large lighting displays lit in the Court of Women in a ceremony called “The Illumination.” It was said that during this ceremony, the light could be seen all over Jerusalem. This is likely what Jesus was standing beside while speaking in John 8:12-20.
- Jesus is the Light of the World: He guides us and exposes the things that are hidden in the darkness.

Discussion Questions

1. When the Israelites looked at the Menorah, they thought back on the pillar of fire that guided them in the wilderness. **What is your “pillar of fire” in the wilderness—what can you look back on to remember how God has worked in your life?**
2. Look up and read each of these passages: Psalm 27:1; Isaiah 9:1-2; Isaiah 49:6; Ephesians 5:8-14. **What purpose does light serve in each of these passages? Which of these verses resonates most personally with you and why?**

Some answers could be: Salvation; Hope; the message of God for the nations; new life in Christ, respectively.

3. Light has the ability to fill every corner of a completely dark room; nothing remains in darkness once it’s exposed to the light. **Why is this both frightening and hopeful? What is scary about the light exposing something that was once hidden by darkness?**
4. **How has Jesus proven Himself to be the Light that drives darkness away in your life?**

Response

- **Take a moment to personally reflect on areas of darkness in your life that you need the Light of the World to shine on. Pray that Jesus would expose that darkness and draw you closer to Him.**

