

## FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION (John 8:12-30)

### 1. Have you ever tried to walk somewhere where there was no light?

What was the situation that brought about the darkness?

How did you manage to navigate the space?

Did you run into an obstacles in the midst of it, or were you able to avoid them?

After the experience, did you find yourself wishing you'd had light to make your way around easier?

### 2. Read verse 12

How does Jesus claim resonate with you?

What relevance does this have for us in our lives today?

Do His words still apply to us even though Jesus was not speaking to us directly when He said them?

If Jesus is the Light of the World & all who follow Him will HAVE the light of life, what does it mean for those who don't?

What is the difference between "walking" and "having" and why is this significant for us?

Why is the light so important to us (spiritually and physically)?

How do we shine the light of Christ in the darkness around us?

### 3. Read verse 15

As followers of Christ, how do we reflect the character of Jesus as revealed here?

How can we avoid the pitfalls of the pharisees who continue to judge according to the flesh?

What does this mean for us in our lives (think about John 3:17 & John 7:24)?

What do you believe unbelievers' perceptions are of Christians; do they see the character of Jesus in us as a whole?

What about individually - when people observe you, how do they describe you?

Is your speech seasoned with grace and honorable around others?

Do your actions reflect the love, care, and concern of Jesus for them?

How can we tangibly work to change the perceptions of unbelievers about how we live as Jesus' followers?

### 4. Read verse 24

As true as this is for the Pharisees whom Jesus is addressing, it is just as true for everybody else throughout history:

"We will all die in our sins unless we believe in Jesus"

How burdened are you for the souls of others in your life (family, friends, neighbors)?

Since this IS the case, how motivated should we be to share the hope of Jesus with others?

Do you remember this truth when interacting with others, and if so, how does it impact your interactions?

What else must we do for those we know that are going to die in their sins unless they believe in Jesus?

What can we do to solidify our own faith in Jesus and walk in His life?

5. Below are the "So What?" statements from the end of the sermon.

Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, and if so, how?

1. Only through Jesus can we HAVE the light of life!

2. Jesus only speaks truth - trust in all He says!

3. Unless we believe in Jesus, we will die in our sins!