

The Power to See

SERMON NOTES AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

I. Introduction: Question: What do you know?

II. John Tells us a Familiar Story

a. Two Signs Stories: Side-by-Side

- i. The physical points to the spiritual
- ii. Who is Jesus?
- iii. How do we respond?

III. Who is Jesus?

a. Jesus claims in context: The Feast of Tabernacles

- i. Water Ceremony: Source of Living Water
- ii. Light Ceremony: Light of the World
- iii. Confrontation: I AM

b. Jesus among the Religions

- i. C.S. Lewis: The one thing we can't say about Jesus

IV. How do we respond?

a. Looking for Security: The limits of knowledge

b. Rejection: A Spirit of Entitlement

c. Understanding the Way of Faith: Faith does not spring from certainty; assurance comes from obedience

V. Conclusion: Sent to Live

Discussion Questions

Sharing Life Together

1. How has Jesus changed the way you see the world?
2. How has Jesus sharpened your vision for the purpose of life?

Reflecting on the Message Together

1. What do you think it would have been like for this man who was born blind?
2. When Jesus claims to be the "Light of the World", in the context of the Feast of Tabernacles, what exactly was Jesus claiming?
3. Read all of John 9. What stands out to you about the difference between the man born blind and the religious leaders? What did each of them know? What did each of them not know? Who had better knowledge and why?
4. Why is it important to understand that faith does not spring from certainty, but assurance comes from obedience?
5. How does the truth Jesus gives us set us free from fear and anxiety?
6. What is your biggest concern or worry right now? When you consider that problem in the light of the fact that Jesus is with you and for you, how does it change the way you see the problem?
7. How did God speak to you through the message?
8. How can we pray for one another?