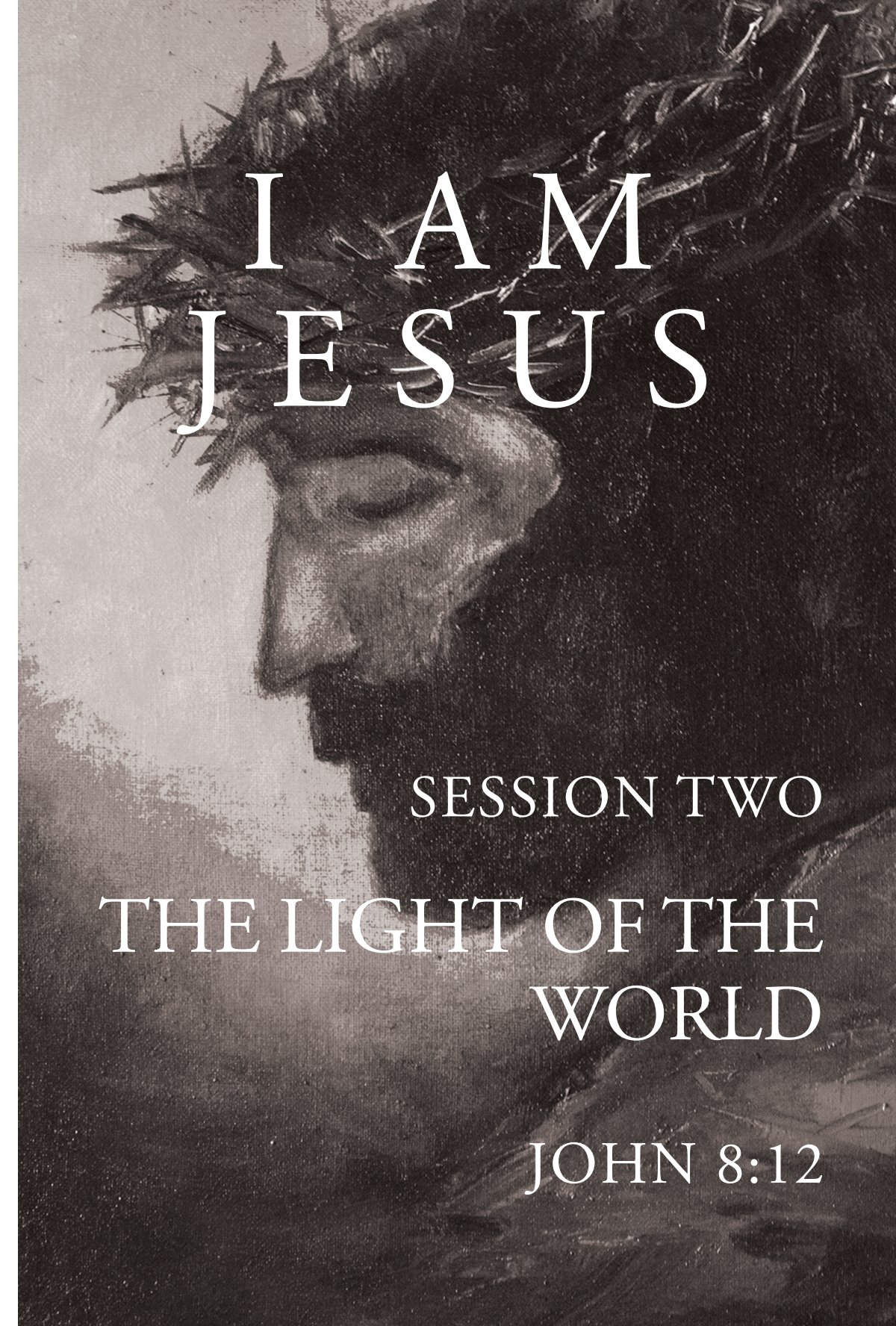




I AM JESUS

SESSION TWO

THE LIGHT OF THE
WORLD

JOHN 8:12

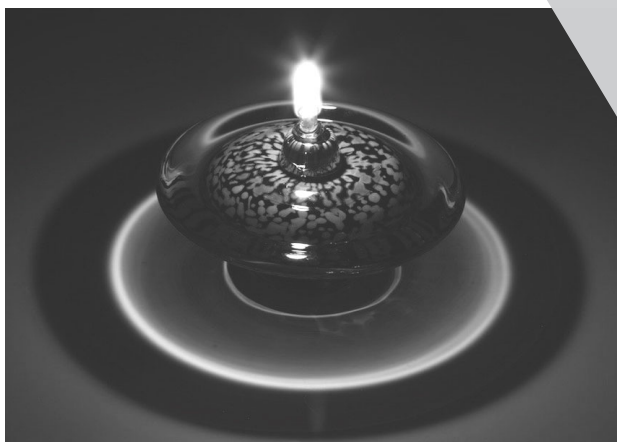


CONNECT

During each session, we will begin with a few questions to help you connect with and get to know one another. Please take a few minutes and answer at least one of the following questions:

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- Share a “fear of the dark” story from your childhood.
- Explain why you store flashlights with extra batteries and candles with matches in different rooms, or why you just hope there is never a black out.



DVD SESSION

This study is designed to be used with an accompanying video teaching. Please play DVD Session Two. Use the space below for notes, questions, or comments you want to bring up in the discussion.



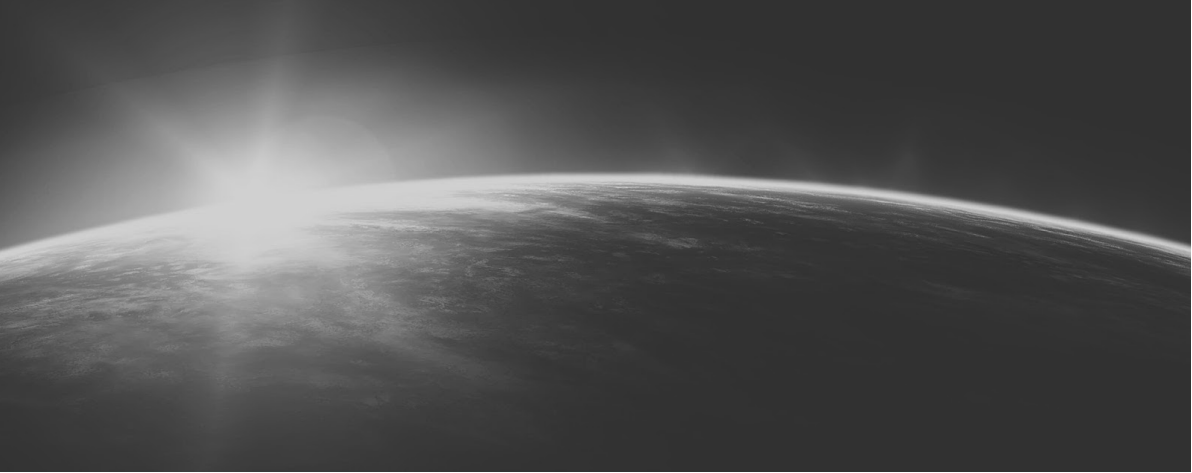
GROW

In the following section, you will explore Bible passages and take part in discussions to help expand your knowledge on the topic of this session. If time is a concern, please choose just a few of the questions to answer and discuss in your group.

Today we are going to talk about the light of Jesus. Take a minute and discuss what you learned from Kyle Welch in the video.

1 How is light useful? What are we able to do in light that we are not able to do in the dark?

2 What are some things that are intentionally done in the dark? Why do you think that these things want to remain in darkness?



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Read Isaiah 60:1-3, John 1:4-9, John 8:12, and 1 John 1:5-7

3 What stands out to you in these passages? Describe what Jesus being the light of the world, means to you. What kind of fear do those in the darkness have, when revealed by Jesus and His light?

Read Matthew 11:28-29

4 According to this passage, how is Jesus going to respond to people who come to him? How do you think this passage impacts both the mature and newer believer?

5 Why do you think understanding Jesus' love and grace is so vital to experiencing life in His light without fear?

6 How can Jesus' light in our lives be transformative in different situations?

Read John 8:1-11

7 What did the “angry mob” want to do with this woman? How did Jesus respond to her?

8 The woman’s darkness in this story was revealed by Jesus’ light. What do you think were some of her fears as she faced His light? How did Jesus completely remove all of her fears with His response to her?

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9 How do you relate to this woman? Why do we keep certain areas of our lives so hidden? What are some things that you fear?

*All the darkness
of the world cannot
extinguish the light of a
single candle.*

—Francis of Assisi

10 How does Jesus’ response to this woman match up with His statement in Matthew 11:30 about His burdens and yoke on our lives?

11 How has Jesus shined light in your life to help remove the darkness? How does this story help you to understand the love and grace where Jesus wants us to live?

Deeper Study

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Read Matthew 5:14-16 and Philipians 2:14-15

12 Describe these passages in your own words.

13 How can we be the light of the world? Make a list of good deeds that could be done by someone who is living in the light of Jesus.

14 How does your understanding living in Jesus' light, love, and grace, help you to be a light for the world?

15 How does treating others with love and grace, the way that Jesus treated the adulterous woman and countless others He encountered, help to shine God's light in the world?



IMPACT

One of the core principles in Life Groups is to have an impact on the community around us. In the following section, we have given you some ideas of how you can have an impact in the community both as a group and individually. Please go through and discuss how you can impact the community around you with the gospel.

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- At the beginning of the year, Pastor Dudley introduced the theme “Certainty of Eternity” for 2018. With the theme, he introduced the 30 Cities initiative. A lot of people received bracelets with a name of one of the 30 mega cities with over 10 million people. Discuss with your group about possibly adopting one of the 30 cities for this year. Adopting a city as a group would include praying for the people of that city. It may also possibly include getting your group involved with the various activities that our Global Outreach ministry has set up with the various cities.

You may also pray with your Life Group for the cities that are on your various bracelets, that Jesus’ light would shine brightly in that city. Pray for our Global Partners who are serving the people in these cities. You can pray that the love and light of Jesus will shine in the cities where they’ve been called to minister.

- On your own, research about one of the 30 mega cities that has 10 million or more people. To begin, you may consider going to **30cities.com**. If you received a bracelet at the beginning of the year with the name of the city, start your research with that city. Spend the next week praying for this city that God would fully transform each and every person in that city, and they would see His light and love.

Please take some time to end your group in prayer. You may use the Prayer and Praise Report on the following page as you pray and close your session for this week.

PRAYER AND PRAISE REPORT

This is a place where you can write each other's prayer requests, and make a note when God answers prayer. Pray for each other's requests out loud together as a group. If you're new to group prayer, it's okay to pray silently.

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Prayer Requests:

Praise Reports:
