

## **Jesus Is Small Group Guide**

**Warm-up Question:** (Choose one, make up your own, or skip this part all together, depending upon the nature of your group.)

1. How much light do you like to have in your room when you go to sleep at night?
2. Have you ever had or do you presently have a fear of the dark?

**Read the following passage:** John 3:19-21; 12:35-36.

Light is one of the most persistent metaphors in the Gospel of John. It appears in the first few verses of the Gospel and continues to emerge throughout Jesus' public ministry. Light is a powerful symbol of life, revelation, making things visible, and salvation.

**Questions for Discussion** (Choose several that are relevant for your group):

1. Why was Jesus' statement "I am the light of the world," (John 8:12; 9:5) such a bold proclamation? What did Jesus mean by this statement? Why would a person believe Jesus' audacious claim?
2. Read again John 3:19-21. What are some reasons we don't "come into the light"? Are there any areas in your life you feel prone to fake it? How does faking it harm us or others in the long run?
3. What are some ways God exposes us when we are faking it? Have you had the experience of being exposed in your own life?
4. Read Matthew 21:5. What was the significance of Jesus entering Jerusalem on a donkey?
5. How did Jesus model humility in His life? Why is humility a significant factor in developing an authentic relationship with God?
6. Read Matthew 21:12-13. Why was Jesus angered by what He saw in the temple courts? Explain how what was taking place in the temple courts is often a fitting metaphor for what takes place in our own lives.
7. In John 12:36, Jesus says that we can "become children of light." What does this mean? How would you explain to another person what it means to become a son or daughter of light and how this can happen?
8. What is one way you want to see Jesus be light in your life?

**Pray**