### **Sermon Notes**

#### The Word of Light, The Light of the Word

Psalm 119:105-112 [Nun]

If it's too dark for us to see, we need a flashlight to show us where to step. If we're driving at night, we need our headlights to show us the road. In life, we are blind in this dark world if we don't have the light of God's Word. Paul David Tripp says, "As a sinner living with other sinners in a fallen world, you encounter darkness every day. While you may experience Instagram-worthy, sunny day picnic lunches, the reality is that life is more of a midnight walk through the woods. On any given day, you probably encounter more darkness than you do truth - both internally, and externally. So, if you are going to move forward, to make your way without danger, and get to where you are meant to go, you need something to light your way." (Wednesday Word Weekly Devotional)

God's Word is the light we need for our next step, and the light we need for the way further ahead. That light shows us the way through afflictions and suffering. That light shows us the way through trouble and danger. That light shows us how to worship and praise. That light shows us what is valuable and will last to the end.

The written Word points us to the living Word, the Lord Jesus Christ, who said in John 8:12, "I am the light of the world." He is the light that will illuminate the new heavens and new earth (Revelation 21:23), and He is the light that binds us together in fellowship until then (1 John 1:7). Ours is a broken and dark world. But Jesus tells those who are his, "Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

The Light of the World gives us His Word of light to show us the direction we need to go.

The Light of the World gives us His Word of light to show us the way through afflictions.

The Light of the World gives us His Word of light to show us the way through danger.

The Light of the World gives us His Word of light to show us the way to worship

The Light of the World gives us His Word of light to show us what will last to the end.

# Weekly Discipleship Guide

## Sunday

In your journal, reflect on today's sermon by answering the following:

I never knew: I was challenged: I was reminded: I was convicted:

A question I still have: A truth I could share:

Know

### Monday

Spend some time today doing the following:

Read the sermon passage again.

Select a portion of this week's sermon passage to memorize this week.

Write your selected portion and read it to yourself at least 10 times throughout the day.

Know > Be

### Tuesday

*In your journal, spend some time writing about the following:* 

Read the sermon passage again.

Write a prayer of response, guided by the passage.

(May include adoration, confession/repentance, thanksgiving, petition, etc...)

Write your selected portion of the Scripture several times to aid in memorization.

Be

### Wednesday

Think about this week's questions for group discussion:

How have you experienced internal darkness this week, as a sinful human being?

How have you experienced external darkness this week, living in a fallen world?

What does the Light of the World have to say about that darkness in his Word? Be specific in how Scripture applies to your situations.

(Questions from Wednesday Word Weekly Devotional by Paul David Tripp)

Be > Do

#### **Thursday**

*In your journal, spend some time considering the following:* 

What insights have you had while internalizing this week's passage?

How specifically will you seek to apply its truths in your home/workplace/life in general?

Do

\*Use this guide to help you internalize this week's passage & message.

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