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**MAIN TEXT:** John 8:12-59

**OBSERVATION:** *What is this text saying?*

- Jesus says “I am the light of the world” in verse 12. What did Jesus claim to be in Chapter 6:35?
- What is the setting like during this teaching? Where does this discourse take place, what is happening? Who are the participants in this passage?
- The difference between the light and the dark is very important in this chapter. Jesus is the light of the world. Where does the darkness come from?

**INTERPRETATION:** *What does this text mean?*

- Jesus’ claim that He is the light of the world is a bold claim and he contrasts this with walking in the darkness. What is the difference between the light and the dark?
- How does one walk in the light?
- The Jewish nation and Pharisees were a people who had been repeatedly saved by God. We see in these passages that now they don’t even recognize him because they are so enamored with the rules of religion. Are there areas in which you are letting the religion take over your own faith in Jesus?

**APPLICATION:** *How should we now live?*

- We often see the Pharisees in a negative light because they are so into the rules of their religion and don’t seem to have the heart that desires to follow Jesus. Pharisees however were devout people working hard to honor their faith. Do you see any areas where the rules would overshadow the leading of Jesus in your life?
- If Jesus is the light of the world, how are you attempting to expose yourself to the light of Jesus? What keeps you from the darkness?

