



## Sermon Discussion Guide

### I AM series #3 - Christian Lindbeck

October 18, 2020

#### Leader Preparation

1. Take some time to look over these questions ahead of time. Choose the ones that you want to make sure you cover with your group. We have highlighted what we think are **key questions by bolding them.**
2. Pray for your group and your time together as you prepare. This is so helpful!
3. When meeting online you as the leader will need to be more directive than in person. Don't be afraid to invite everyone to answer a question, invite them to share by name, and thank them when they finish. The online format requires a little more intentional orchestrating than an in person group.
4. Try to start the gathering by getting everyone talking at least once to begin. The Hook section is great for this. When in doubt, have people share stories about their past. (How the week was, favorite memories about the topic for the day, etc). This is a great way to help your group continue to get to know one another.
5. Next look at the Scripture and what it means. We believe Jesus is discipling people through this Word. Get people into the Scriptures and the Scriptures into people!
6. Finally, end with what God is saying to people and how God is inviting them to respond. These aren't just ideas to know but realities to live in!

#### Tip of the week

At the beginning of the year delegate different roles to people in your group as much as possible. Even if they are small roles (the person who sets up the Zoom call or emails reminders out to people). This is a great way to help people feel more connected and develop leadership in the group.



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#### Hook - Getting to know one another

- How is everyone doing this week? This could also be an icebreaker question related to the topic for discussion.
- 1. Share one thing that has been hard and one thing that has been encouraging for you in the last week.
- 2. Quickly list/brainstorm images of light and darkness in literature, movies and music.

#### Book - Scripture

- Read the scripture, and discuss a few questions to understand **what the text is saying**.
- 3. Christian referenced other verses in John that the author uses to further the use of Light in his book. 1:1-3; 3:17-21; John 8; 12:36... Choose two and discuss how they further illuminate the truth of Jesus as light of the world.
- 4. Read Gen. 1:1-3 and John 1:1-3 side by side....take a moment to thank God for his amazing author skills. How does this deepen your knowledge of and trust in God's omniscience?

#### Look - Connections to our world today

- This section focuses on implications about **what this text means** about what's wrong in the world, about trusting God, about who God is, etc.
- 5. The world is a beautiful, awe-inspiring, and divided place right now. What could draw someone to Jesus in our world? What would push someone away?
- 6. If Jesus is the light of the world (He is! Amen) and WE are called the "light of the world" ...what does this mean? Why do you think the Holy Spirit inspired the authors to use this language to talk about Jesus' divinity AND us? How does that feel- to be a City on a Hill?



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**Took - Personal Application**

- This application focuses on **how God is calling us to respond**. This could be personally, as a family, small group, or church. It could be something to believe, to meditate on, to say or do this week.
- 7. We are lights to the world - not of ourselves, but because Jesus shines through us. This is powerful and daunting! How are we walking in His light? Are there areas where you are tempted the step out of the ring of light to participate this things of darkness?(perhaps confess alone or to one another)
- 8. If time allows, explore these passages for more study. (His word is AMAZING!)
  - a. Eph. 5:5
  - b. Thess 5:5
  - c. Gal. 5:13-26
  - d. Matt 5:14

**Time of Prayer**