

## JOHN 8-9

**8** <sup>12</sup> Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, **“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life”...**

**9** As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup> We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” <sup>6</sup> Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud <sup>7</sup> and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing...

<sup>39</sup> Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.” <sup>40</sup> Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?” <sup>41</sup> Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.



### Reflection / discussion questions

*Can you relate to this experience of being in the dark spiritually? What do you make of Jesus' claim to be the light of the world?*

## JOHN 8:12

### I am the light of the world

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- feeling like a mushroom

### We are in the dark

- physical blindness (the picture)
- spiritual blindness (the reality)
  - o present darkness
  - o ultimate darkness <sup>1</sup>

### Jesus is the light

- opens blind eyes
  - o claim
  - o proof
  - o response
- blinds 'open' eyes

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<sup>1</sup> Matthew 8:12; 22:13; 25:30