

'Which light
are you following?'
John 8:12

- fear of the dark

True light

- spiritual blindness ¹

- spiritual captivity ²

'Behold my servant...I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness' (Isaiah 42:1,6-7)

False lights

- secular lights
- religious lights
- Satanic lights ³

Fatal attraction

- love of the dark



Starter-questions for discussion

? what struck you most in today's sermon / passage? What's the main thing you're going to take away?

? what has this sermon added to your understanding of what it means that Jesus is the light of the world?

? why is it so important to make sure the light we are following in life is the true one?

? our natural response to God's light as sinful people is to hide from it. Can you relate to that?

? Hawking: 'Heaven is a fairy-story for people afraid of the dark'. Lennox: 'Atheism is a fairy-story for people afraid of the light'. Discuss.

¹ 2 Corinthians 4:4; Romans 1:21; John 12:35; Isaiah 42:6,16;

² 1 John 1:6; Luke 1:79; Colossians 1:13; Ephesians 6:12; Matthew 8:12; Isaiah 42:7

³ 2 Corinthians 11:14