

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

As preached on Sunday, July 17th

Read: John 8:12-20

1. As our scripture opens, the religious leaders of Jesus' day are challenging his testimony. Why do they claim it is invalid? What was their motive for discrediting his testimony?
2. Jesus isn't surprised at their resistance. He tells them that his testimony is valid. What is his reasoning? (see vv.17-18) Does Jesus' reasoning make sense to you?
3. What does Jesus mean when he tells them "you have no idea where I come from or where I'm going"? Where has he come from and where is he going?
4. In v.20 Jesus says "if you knew me, you would know my Father also." What does he mean by this? How does knowing Jesus equate to knowing our Heavenly Father?
5. Looking back to v.12, what did Jesus testify that caused all of this debate? Does it sound controversial to you?
6. Given the religious context we discussed on Sunday, why was Jesus' testimony particularly provocative? What was Jesus claiming?
7. Read Matthew 5:14-16. What is Jesus telling us as his followers? In what ways can we live out what he describes?