

I am the Light of the World

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

A very common saying is "let's shed some light on this." It's an expression to use when you want to take a closer look at an object or situation and examine it from a different angle. Light is extremely important to us as Christians.

Two followers of Jesus were returning to their home in Emmaus from Jerusalem and missed the significance of history's greatest event because they were so focused on themselves, on their own sorrow and grief, that they didn't even recognize Jesus when he appeared and walked along with them. To compound the problem, they were walking in the wrong direction, away from the fellowship of believers in Jerusalem.

We also are likely to miss Jesus and withdraw from the strength found in other believers when we become preoccupied with our own hopes and plans.

As a church we sometimes lose our sense of purpose. Like the two disciples walking to Emmaus, we get so focused on our own ideas and plans, that we lose sight of Jesus. We lose sight of the One with the greatest knowledge, wisdom, and understanding in the universe. We get so caught up with saving ourselves we forget Jesus, the light of the world and fall into darkness.

You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You. Isaiah 26:3

Only when we are looking for Jesus in our midst will we experience the power and help he can bring.

In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy. Philip. 1:4