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Path Of Life

Where are you headed? I was going to walk down this path. **Does that look like a good direction to head?** I thought so, is there something wrong with it? **It looks awfully dark to me.** **What do you think?** I didn't think of that. It does look quite dark just a head, now that you mention it. **What drew you to that path anyway?** I saw lots of people heading down this path. I just assumed that they knew where they were going. So, I was thinking of following them. I thought that this must be the right direction in life if so many others were taking it. **So, you were going to follow the crowd?** I guess I was. **But, you didn't give it much thought did you?** Not really. **What was so alluring about that path anyhow?** It was the well-traveled path that all the popular people were taking. I wanted to be popular so I thought I'd join them. I didn't want to stand out as being different. That would be awkward and maybe even embarrassing. **You wouldn't want that now would you?** No, not at all, at least that's what I was thinking then. **What are you thinking now?** I'm guessing that there must be something wrong about that path. **Why is that?** Why else would you be asking me so many questions about it? **You've got a good point and you're right, there is a problem with that path.** What's the problem?

There are actually two problems. How can that be, there is only this one path? **There is a problem with who chose the path and the path itself.** **Who chose the path?** That would be me. Isn't it my job to choose my path in life? **Yes, if that's what you want.** I'm confused. **If you want your own path, go ahead and choose it.** That's what I did. **I know.** **That brings us to the second problem.** What's that? **I'm not on that path.** You're not? **No, that path leads away from me into darkness.** **People on that path will stumble and grope around in darkness for a long time.** **Some will eventually find their way back to me, many others will not.** **Those who find their way back to me will regret the time they wasted on that wrong path.** Well then, I definitely don't want to go down that path. I'm glad you got my attention and directed me to the right path. **Yes, I'm very glad that you are paying attention to me.** **But, it's time now for you to make a big decision.** What's that?

You are going to have to decide who will choose your path in life? Are you going to be the one continually choosing or are you going to follow me? If you follow me you will have my light to guide you through life. You will know which direction to head because I will be leading you. If you choose your own path in life you will be doing a lot of stumbling around in darkness. You will go places and do things that are not in my plans for you. I don't want that at all. **I didn't think so.** **Will you follow me?** Yes Lord, I will. **Very good, let's move away from here. Follow me on this path.**

Lord, thank you that you are the light of the world. You guide and direct me through life and keep me from walking in darkness. You are the Light of my life. Guide my next steps so that I will be able to follow you and live according to your plan. Amen

Life In Christ *Light Of The World*

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NIV John 8:12

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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."

ESV John 8:12

Life In Christ *Light Of The World*

Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life."

NLT John 8:12

Life In Christ *Light Of The World*

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

NKJV John 8:12

Life In Christ *Light Of The World*

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

NRSV John 8:12

Life In Christ *World's Light*

Jesus once again addressed them: "I am the world's Light. No one who follows me stumbles around in the darkness. I provide plenty of light to live in."

MSG John 8:12

Life In Christ *Light Of The World*

Once more Jesus addressed the crowd. He said, I am the Light of the world. He who follows Me will not be walking in the dark, but will have the Light which is Life.

AMP John 8:12

Life In Christ *Light Of The World*

Later, in one of his talks, Jesus said to the people, "I am the Light of the world. So if you follow me, you won't be stumbling through the darkness, for living light will flood your path."

TLB John 8:12

Life In Christ *Light Of The World*

Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."

NASB John 8:12

Life In Christ *Light Of The World*

Later, Jesus talked to the people again, saying, "I am the light of the world. The person who follows me will never live in darkness but will have the light that gives life."

NCV John 8:12

Light Of The World

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Life In Christ – John 8:12

In Context: *Read John 8*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he 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

Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

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What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

What does it mean to walk and live in darkness?

How does Christ give light to the areas of life you have been in the dark about?

How is turning from sin and following Christ like leaving darkness and walking in the light?

How has Christ brought you out of darkness and helped you walk with Him in the light?

How does walking in the light relate to the meaning, purpose, and significance of your life?

When you make decisions do you ask Christ to give you light and direction?

How has Christ's light given you new perspectives and direction in your life?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Commit yourself to following Christ. Ask Him to give light to your life and to direct your steps along the path of life.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in our heart?)***

Have faith that you as you follow Christ, He will give you light to your path as He directs your steps.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how Christ has given you light and direction as you have followed Him.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

Horizontal lines for writing answers to the first question.

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Horizontal lines for writing answers to the second question.

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you follow Jesus Christ and allow Him to direct you on the path of life.

Horizontal lines for writing answers to the third question.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, you are the light of the world. Guide all my steps so I can walk with you on the path of life.

Horizontal lines for writing answers to the fourth question.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

Horizontal lines for writing answers to the fifth question.