



Sunday Bible Study Guide | March 1, 2026

Weekly Memory Verse

"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

Sermon

Grace and Truth - Pastor Jared Herd

Scriptures: Exodus 31:18; Daniel 5:5; Leviticus 23:33-35; John 8:1-12, 6-8; Matthew 23:4; Jeremiah 17:13

Mixer

1. Pastor Jared spoke about the "house rules on the refrigerator" when he was growing up. What were some house rules in your growing up years? Any that you pushed back on - and why?

Sermon Recap & Prayer

Pray together. Review the main points of the sermon. Take a moment to read the scripture passages aloud as a group.

Discussion Questions

Observation: What does the passage say?

1. Read **Exodus 31:18**, **Daniel 5:5**. What does the finger of God do?
2. Read **Matthew 23:4** in the NLT. Is their inability to lift a finger based on conviction or beliefs/opinions?
3. Read **Jeremiah 17:13**. What is the promise and the judgment in this verse?

Interpretation: What does the passage mean?

1. Read **John 8:1-11**. How does this passage relate to the gospel?
2. Read **Leviticus 23:33-34** and **John 8:12**. What do we learn about Jesus as the “light of life”?

Application: How can we apply these passages to our lives?

1. Jesus showed us the true motives in people who would throw stones. What is an experience in your life when Jesus shifted you from wanting to control others, to accepting you can only control yourself? What changed?
2. Why do you sometimes throw stones, and sometimes you don't? What stops you?
3. When you have thrown a stone, what did you hope the outcome would be? Did it change anything?
4. Saying light usually comforts and disturbs, Pastor Jared challenged us to think like this: Jesus' light should comfort the disturbed (i.e. the woman accused), and disturb the comfort-able (the stone throwers). How has Jesus worked in this way in your life?
5. As Christ followers, we are called to stand on the conviction of Jesus Christ. How can this help you treat others you disagree with differently?

Huddles

Break into small groups of 3-4 people of the same gender for deeper sharing, accountability, and prayer.

- How have you seen or enjoyed God's grace this week?
- How have you felt weary or discouraged this week?
- How are your rhythms going (e.g. Bible, prayer, mission, resting, worship)?
- Pray together for each other and the people in your life who need the hope of Jesus.

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