Two Paths for Life

JOHN 8:12-59

"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."" (John 8:12, ESV)

Introduction

At the Feast of Tabernacles, in the middle of a celebration lit by enormous lamps, Jesus declared, "I am the light of the world." He invited the people to stop walking in darkness and follow him. As the dialogue continues, the crowd's resistance reveals how pride, self-reliance, and attachment to traditions can keep people from truth that heals. At the same time, Jesus offers another way: recognize him, remain in his word, and increasingly reflect the character of the Father. Follow in this way and you will find true freedom!

Review the Sermon

Read John 8:12-59.

What three traits do the people demonstrate as they walk in darkness?

How did the people respond when Jesus challenged their confidence in their privileged heritage?

What are the marks of a true disciple who walks in the light?

Assess your Life

Where do you most need Jesus' light right now? (guidance, hope, peace, correction, etc.)

What is your instinctive response when Scripture or a trusted believer challenges you?

Where have you been relying on self-improvement rather than the power of Christ?

Apply the Truth

How can you more deeply recognize and appreciate the glory of Jesus this week?

What would it look like to abide in Jesus' word in one situation you're facing this week?

When you feel defensive, what could help you listen before responding?

Commit this Week

This week, will you commit to walking in the light toward true freedom, even when you feel exposed and confronted?

"So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples," (John 8:31, ESV)