

## Sermon Introduction

Two statements made in last Sunday's message are still "banging" around in my head:

1. We grow in the direction of our questions. (Am I asking the right questions?)
2. Is my pursuit of Jesus transactional or relational? (Am I pursuing Jesus to get something from him or am I pursuing him to grow closer to him, to know him more deeply and more completely?)

This Sunday we are considering Jesus' statement in John 8:12: "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."

I don't know about you, but I feel like I am walking around in the darkness given all the conflicting views and theories about what is real in the world.. .I need "the light (understanding/truth) that leads to life.

Following Jesus' statement, he interacts with the religious leaders and the people, and through those interactions reveals who he is and why we should follow him.

Please read John 8:12 - 32 in preparation for Sunday's message.

Blessings, Pastor Jim