

WEEK EIGHT  
THE TRUE LIGHT

*SERMON NOTES*

THE TRUE LIGHT PROVIDES

→ ULTIMATE **HOPE**

→ GENUINE **FREEDOM**

→ ABSOLUTE **TRUTH**

CHANGED **LIVES** often come before CHANGED **MINDS**.

## *READING PLAN*

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Jn 11:1-16	Jn 11:17-37	Jn 11:38-44	Jn 11:45-53	Jn 11:54-57

### *STUDY/DISCUSSION QUESTIONS*

1. Jesus declared himself the light of the world in a culture that had waning confidence in “organized religion.” What are some ways that our world has moved away from traditional religion?
2. Read John 7:37-39, followed by John 8:12. Jesus declares himself the source of the Holy Spirit and the source of light — two elements necessary for sustaining life. In what ways does our culture today seek to have “life” without God? What have been the consequences?
3. Read John 8:31-44. How does the truth “set us free?” What are the consequences of failing to live in God’s truth? How is sin a form of enslavement?
4. Read John 8:51-58. What provocative statement does Jesus make? How does our culture respond to the claim that Jesus is truly God?
5. Read John 9:1-7. What do the disciples initially assume about the man’s blindness? According to Jesus, what is the reason for the man’s blindness?
6. Read John 9:24-34. How might you summarize the man’s testimony? How do the Jewish leaders respond?
7. Read John 9:35-41. How does Jesus bring lasting change to the man’s life? According to Jesus, what is the true source of spiritual blindness?

### *QUESTION OF THE WEEK*

- Do you believe that organized religion has been good or bad for society?
- Does freedom always mean that we’re free to pursue our own interests?
- [For your kids]: How do your classmates react to the claim that Jesus is the only way to God?