

Hill Cliffe Study Guide Sunday 27 March 2022

John 8. 12 When Jesus spoke 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."

Please also read John 1.1-12

- 1. What makes Jesus' light unique?
- 2. As well as a light which reveals God, how is Jesus' light like a searchlight, and also like a guiding light, and also like a phone charger?
- 3. If Jesus is **the light of the world**, (uniquely able to bring authentic spiritual enlightenment and life to all), rather than **a light in the world** how should we respond to this reality?

Please read Isaiah 9.2; Isaiah 59.9-15, 20; John 12.44-46

- 4. Why is society's injustice, unrighteousness, truthlessness, dishonesty, and darkness linked to our turning our backs on God?
- 5. Why is the Redeemer necessary for our (and society's) rescue and recovery from darkness to light?
- 6. What encouraged, inspired and challenged you from watching the video of Luay's story of faith from the Easterside Eden Project in Middlesbrough?

Please read Psalm 89.16-17; and Matthew 5.14-15

7. How are these passages relevant to Luay's story?

At the centre of the Houses of Parliament, between the Lords and the Commons, is the Central Lobby. Inscribed into the floor of the Central Lobby is a large star-shaped mosaic, with Latin words from Psalm 127: 'Unless the Lord builds the House its builders labour in vain'.

- 8. What encouraged, inspired and challenged you from listening to the story of faith from Sir Gary Streeter MP?
- 9. How does 1 Corinthians 2.6-7 relate to Gary Streeter's calling?

2 Corinthians 4. 5 For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. 6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

10. What's your response to this study?