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OUR MISSION is to make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ.

James 1:19-20 (Anger)

19 Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20 for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

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SERMON GUIDE

URGENT LIGHT FROM THE HEIGHT

John 8:12-30

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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

- S**cripture that stands out to you while you read
- O**bservations about the verse or phrases that stood out to you
- A**pplication that connect the verses to your real life and relationships
- P**rayers that invite God to participate in your life and provide power to follow him

Conversation Questions

Setting The Table: The context for today's reading is the Feast of Tabernacles (John 7:37). During the Feast there was an exuberant celebration every evening under four huge lamps in the temple courts. The light from the temple shone throughout Jerusalem.

Can you think of any unique or special times that you've had "under the lights" of a special event? What do you think it is about the glow of lights at night that makes things special?

Read John 8:12-30

- S** What do you love most about what you just read? What verses, phrases, or words stand out to you as you read these scriptures? Is anything jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?
- O** What claim does Jesus make about Himself in verse 12? Can you imagine him saying this surrounded by the glow of the temple? What response do you think Jesus wants in this context? What did he want this to do?
- O** How do the Pharisees respond to Jesus' statement (vv. 13-19)? Why? What is keeping them in the dark? What does Jesus say about His relationship with the Father in verses 16-18 and 28-29? What does he want people to understand?
- O** In verse 28, when Jesus talks about being "lifted up" he is talking about his death on the cross. Reread verse 28. How do you think his death on the cross reveals his true identity, reliance on the Father, unity with the Father and nearness to the Father?
- A** If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?
- A** What does it mean to "follow the light" of Jesus in your everyday life right now? Do you ever assume you're "fine" spiritually without honestly confronting sin or turning to Jesus in repentance? What would it look like to take Jesus' warning seriously and lean into His invitation today?
- P** Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.