

Parish of Ferndown
Study sheet for week commencing 21st September 2009
“I am the Light of the World” John 9:1-9, 35-41

INTRODUCTION

- Just to get the conversation flowing, see if each person is willing to share a memory of darkness being scary to them.
- And what memories (old or recent) do you have of light shining in a dark place?

NOW READ THE WHOLE OF JOHN 9

STUDY QUESTIONS

(A) Jesus shines his light so we may see his truth in daily life (1-3)

- Why were the disciples in error?
- Can you reconcile the following two thoughts? Give it a go!
First thought – “In general, sin leads to sickness and suffering” (Gen 3)
Second thought – “If you are sick or suffering, it’s not necessarily caused by personal sin.”
- In what ways is Jesus the Light of the World? Are there other “lights?”

(B) Jesus shines his light so that we might wholeheartedly work for him (4-12)

- In general terms what “work” do all Christians have on earth?
- What ingredient in verse 6 reminds us of the creation story?
- What is commendable about the man?
- How was the man’s usual day to day existence changed?

(C) Jesus shines his light so that the blind will see, and those that supposedly can see will be revealed as blind (35-41)

- In what ways is this passage frightening?
- Read Colossians 1:9-14. What deeply challenges you in these verses that you can turn into prayer?

PRAYER TIME

- Pray for each other to be more like the high calling we have to be “saints in light.”
- Pray for those we love whose blinded eyes have not yet been opened by the Holy Spirit.

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