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Last week, GCF South Metro Christian School held its yearly High School Crossroad. It was our second year to hold it virtually due to the restrictions of the pandemic. The 180 people in attendance, composed of the high school students, teachers and the GG Leader volunteers were truly blessed with what the Lord prepared for us on that special day.

In John 8:12 it says, "Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'" Anchoring our High School Crossroad in this verse, we all learned and were reminded of who the Lord Jesus Christ is and how we, as His followers, should conduct ourselves.

Jesus is the light. Our source of light is Jesus Himself. We need to know who He is. It is impossible to reflect the light of Jesus if we are not His followers. His light gives us direction and security. We need to trust and surrender in the light of Jesus.

Walk in light. We need to walk and follow the light of Jesus. We should not walk in darkness. Walking in the light of Jesus is a discipline and a decision we make everyday. We need to choose to remain in His

light as we live our daily lives. Walking in the light of Jesus is possible when we do these three things: (1) Just keep on walking right; (2) Just be in the Word; (3) Just be connected. The call to put off the life of sin and put on the righteousness of God for the long haul is a challenge that every follower of the Lord Jesus Christ should do.

Reflect the light. Having the light of Jesus, our responsibility is to reflect His light to others. We should never believe the lies and deception of the enemy. As Romans 12:2 says, "we are not to be conformed to this world but should be transformed by the renewal of our minds." Our lives should be lived based on the standard of the Lord and not of the world. We ought to make a difference and shine for Jesus. Our lives should reflect our relationship with the Father and who Christ is in us that other people will be drawn towards the true source of light, who is Christ Himself.

The challenge for us to reflect the light of Jesus does not end after our High School Crossroad. The challenge is not even limited to those who attended but it is for all of us followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. How we conduct ourselves every single day should reflect the light of

Christ - even in the way we think, and what matters most in our hearts. The things that are unseen in us will surely be revealed in the way we act, speak, and respond. In such situations, may we choose to respond in a way that is pleasing to the Father, reflecting the light of Christ.

This call is very relevant to us all especially this campaign season for the National Elections. We have our own "bets", as they say, and we all have our different ways of "campaigning" for our chosen candidate. But as we do so, I pray and hope that we will not forget to conduct ourselves in a manner wherein we may reflect who Jesus Christ is. Everytime we indulge in a discussion, when we post online, or even just share someone's post or leave a comment on someone's post, we need to make sure that all of it is glorifying in the eyes of the Lord.

May our lives reflect the Bible that other people don't get to read. That is why we are called to choose Jesus and remain in His light no matter what. May we all, by God's grace and help alone, be able to illuminate the light of Christ and make the name of the Lord known wherever He has planted us, or wherever He may lead us. ✝