

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

The Wonder of Christmas

Week 2: He is the Light

John 1:4-5,8

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Our series on the prologue (first 18 verses) to the Gospel of John is helping us to see the spiritual truth connected to the birth of Christ. This week we learned that Jesus is “the Light.” On Christmas, light entered the darkness. Those of us who have Christ can see all of life by His light.

Kicking it off: Do you decorate the exterior of your home with lights? If so, describe your lighting philosophy.

Discussion:

1. Reread *John 1:9* The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

In what way is Christmas like light entering the darkness?

2. Reread *John 1:4-5* His life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

In what ways is life without Christ like living in darkness?

3. Reread *John 8:12* Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

According to this verse, what is necessary for us to access the life-giving light of Christ?

4. Reread the following quote from C.S. Lewis: “I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.”

Explain this quote.

5. Reread the list of “Life’s Big Questions”

Origin – Where did everything come from?

Identity – Who are we as human beings?

Morality – How do we know what’s right or wrong?

Dilemma – What’s wrong with the world?

Solution – How do we fix what’s broken?

Meaning – What am I supposed to live for?

Destiny – What happens when you die?

Chance or Creator

Animal or Image

Feeling or Decree

Misfortune or Evil

Toil or Rescue

Get or Give

End or Beginning

Jesus shines His light on each of these big questions. Has Christianity changed how you answer any of these questions? Share of one with the group?

6. How can we increasingly see each day through the lens of our Christian worldview?

Wrapping It Up: Pray that the Lord may increasingly help you view each moment of each day through His eyes.