

Illumination of our Souls

Luke 11:33-36

- _____ that we have all looked to things that have _____ our _____. (34)

- _____ that what I think is _____ is actually _____. (35)

- _____ to Jesus alone to _____ our _____. (36)

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION:

1. Read Luke 11:33-36. Jesus uses the metaphor of light (good) and darkness (evil). The metaphor of light and darkness is common in the Bible. What other passages come to mind where the imagery of light and darkness is used? How is it used of Jesus? How is it used of us?
2. In our passage, Jesus says that our eyes are the windows into our souls and He warns us to be careful because what looks like light (good) may actually be darkness. One place we look that is easy to see as darkness would be the things of this world. When you think about a normal day and what enters your eyes and souls, what are some things that you may think are good which are actually bad?
3. Not only do we look to the things of this world, we are also very prone to look to ourselves. The religious leaders that Jesus is speaking to thought they were clean because they followed their moral code and would be accepted by God. In fact they were so sure of this that they were blind to their need of Jesus to forgive them of their sins and save their souls. What ways do you see yourself in these religious leaders? How are you drawn, like these religious leaders, to wanting and trying to earn God's love and favor?
4. Lastly, we saw that Jesus alone can illuminate our souls and cast out the darkness that is in us all. This means that in order to be forgiven and accepted by God we have to trust in Jesus and allow Him to drive out the darkness in us. However, we also need to continually ask Jesus to show us what in us is darkness and allow Him and His light to illuminate our souls. We do this by confession and repentance. Do you regularly confess your sin to God (1 John 1:9)? Do you have trusted people that you confess to as well (James 5:16)?

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