

LENT PART 2: STEPPING OUT OF DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

Big Idea: Jesus calls us out of darkness into transformation through new birth in Him.

Theme: Lent moves us from religion to relationship and from confusion to clarity in Christ.

I. The Lenten Journey

Lent is a season of spiritual growth and deeper connection with God.

- 1 James 4:8 – Draw near to God
- 2 Jeremiah 29:13 – Seek Him fully

II. Nicodemus in the Darkness

Nicodemus comes to Jesus at night, representing spiritual confusion and searching.

- 1 John 3:1–2

III. Your Narrative Shapes Your Faith

Your experiences and beliefs shape how you see God, but they must align with truth.

- 1 Romans 12:2
- 2 Proverbs 3:5

IV. Religion vs Relationship

Jesus calls us beyond rules into relationship.

- 1 Ephesians 2:8–9
- 2 Matthew 23:27

V. Born Again

Transformation requires a new spiritual birth.

- 1 John 3:3–6
- 2 2 Corinthians 5:17

VI. Stepping into the Light

Leaving darkness requires honesty and surrender.

- 1 John 8:12

- 2 Ephesians 5:8

VII. Repentance

True repentance changes direction, not just feelings.

- 1 Acts 3:19
- 2 2 Corinthians 7:10

VIII. The Struggle and Growth

Growth includes failure but requires returning to God.

- 1 Romans 7:15–25
- 2 Proverbs 24:16

IX. Transformation Leads to Mission

God uses transformed lives to impact others.

- 1 Matthew 5:16
- 2 2 Corinthians 5:18–20

Discussion Questions

- 1 What darkness do you need to step out of?
- 2 What narrative is shaping your faith?
- 3 Have you experienced true transformation?
- 4 What step will you take this week?
- 5 How can God use your story?

Closing Prayer

Father, lead us out of darkness into Your light. Transform our hearts and help us walk fully with You. Amen.