

Only Two Kinds of People

John 3:19-20

19 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. 20 Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.

Luke 23:41-43

We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." 42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. " 43 Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

Message notes:

There's a _____ between covering something in love and hiding sin.

You can't get help in the kingdom of God if you stay _____ in the shadows.

The _____ that have already been made have already settled the verdict.

_____ will keep you from coming to the light.

_____ and pride have consumed her life to the point that she is not willing to say 'thy will be done'.

The light exposes, and it can be embarrassing, but it is _____.

Shame keeps more people from _____ than any other sin out there.

God only exposes us so that we can find _____.

It's only through humbling ourselves, becoming _____, that we can say to God 'thy will be done'

Be _____ with God.

Part 5



"That is what mortals misunderstand. They say of some temporal suffering, 'No future bliss can make up for it,' not knowing that Heaven, once attained, will work backwards and turn even that agony into a glory." Page 69

"There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God 'thy will be done' and those to whom God says in the end, 'thy will be done'." Page 75

"No soul that seriously and constantly desires joy will ever miss it. Those who seek find. To those who knock it is opened." Page 75

Discussion Questions:

Pastor Jamie spoke about difference between covering someone's failures in love and hiding their sins—what was the difference that he was drawing out?

Why is it so dangerous to hide in the shadows?

Why is shame such a powerful deterrent to following Jesus with our lives?

How does clinging to vanity and pride stop us from finding happiness?

How does this child-like humility bring us closer to God?
Can we find peace without it?

Is it necessary for God's light to expose our darkness?
Why?

Ministry Time Questions:

Has anyone been struggling with hiding in the shadows, yet you want to find freedom?

Has vanity, pride, or shame caused you to make recent decisions that you now regret?

*Before next week, read through chapter 11 in *The Great Divorce*.*