

Discussion Questions

INTRODUCTION

Deception, blindness, and evil. Each of these are consequences of living in darkness. So how can we increase the light of Jesus in our dark places?

GETTING STARTED

1. Why do we resist doing the things that are good for us, while craving the things that are bad for us?
2. When were you last afraid of the dark? What happened that took away your fear?

BIBLE IDEA

3. Read John 1:4-9;14. In what ways has the light of Jesus helped you overcome darkness? Is anyone excluded from receiving this light? What specifically are we to 'believe' in? (vs. 7; 14)
4. Read John 3:19-21. Why do you think some people love darkness more than light? What is the value of living in the light? (vs. 21)
5. Read Ephesians 5:8-13. Discuss what goodness, righteousness, and truth have to do with actively following Jesus. Are there some 'fruitless deeds' you'd like to expose to the light today? Would you be willing to share them with others?
6. Read Matthew 5:14-16. What are the two examples of how we are to display the light of Jesus? Share your story about how someone helped light up your way to Jesus.

NEXT STEPS

7. As a carrier of Jesus' light, list one way you will shine in the darkness this week.