

“Light vs. Darkness”

A Personal or Small Group Experience

John is certainly one of my favorite biblical writers and my preferred gospel writer. Part of the reason he is so effective is the powerful imagery he uses to paint the portrait of who Jesus is and what the kingdom of God really looks like. John, through his word paintings, puts the divine character of God and the real battle with evil on display with vivid imagery. Using the symbols of light and darkness

John builds on the theme that Jesus sets forth when He claims in John 8:12, “I am the light of the world, whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of light!”

In this study we are going to go to some other places in John’s writings and let God more fully shape this theme of light and darkness in our minds and hearts. He wants to communicate something very powerful to us through these sections. Ask yourself as you read and discuss:

God, what are you telling me about true “light”?

What are you wanting me to grasp about what darkness is?

What are you wanting me to get from these words from you?

How is this study of light and darkness relevant for me today?

How do you want me to respond to your word to me today?

John 1:1-18

1 John 1:5-2:11

“I Am.... The Light of the World”

“Connecting With God” Weekly Guide

This booklet is a resource to help you “Connect with God” this week. He deeply desires ongoing personal connection with you. You are that important to Him.

This Page has some scripture verses for you to meditate on each day this week. Notice the helpful hints section – these are great things to consider when personally engaging with God through His Word.

The Center Pages contain the notes and outline for the message given on Sunday. The message is also available as an audio download from www.pointofgracechurch.org

The Back Page has a study written specifically for a small group of people (or an individual) to drill down deeper into a particular aspect of the week’s theme. Small groups can review memorable points of the week’s message and then work through the study concluding with a time of prayer.

Scripture & Meditation Guide - March 7–March 12

Helpful Hints:

- 1) Find a quiet place along with 15-20 minutes!
- 2) Focus on God for a few moments asking His Spirit to speak to your heart!
- 3) Listen to Him by reading a section of scripture then rereading it several times, dwelling on “words and phrases” which grab your heart’s attention.
Ask God, “What do You want me to hear?” “Why this word at this time?”
“How are You inviting me to respond?”
- 4) Pray everything that is on your heart and mind as you are ready!
Worship Him, Bless Him, Thank Him, Ask Him, Trust Him

Monday: John 9:1-12

Tuesday: John 9:13-23

Wednesday: John 9:24-34

Thursday: John 9:35-41

Friday: Ephesians 5:8-20

Saturday: Colossians 1:9-14