

Sunday, October 9

“Do You See the Light”

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Key Passages: Luke 11:33-36, Genesis 1:2-4, John 1:4-5

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Now would also be a great time to allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday’s message

Main Ideas

- There is a recurring theme of light and dark in the Bible that is both physical and spiritual.
- Jesus is the light. And he came so that we could see him and the father who sent him.
- Jesus wants us to see him and he is present everywhere.
- Seeing is not the same as observing. God wants us to have “healthy” sight, without folds or distractions. He wants us to focus on him.
- Sometimes what we think is light can actually be darkness (False Light)
 - Religion: Attempting to find life in the activities or ordinances of the church
 - Self Gratification: (See Jonah 2:8)
 - Pride & Insecurity: Being self-obsessed rather than seeing ourselves as Christ sees us.
- The only thing that brings life/light is our full attention on Jesus.
- Jesus is effectively saying “I’m here, I’m all around you” v.36
- Experiencing the light/life of Jesus is a free gift, but we have to choose to take it in. We have to choose to observe it.

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. What does it mean to you that Jesus wants to be found?
2. How are you doing at seeing vs. fully observing?
3. What types of things can create “folds” in your sight that keep you from fully focusing on Jesus?
4. What things in your life might be “false light”? Religion? Self-Gratification? Pride & Insecurity?
5. What things, thoughts, or desires pull you away from an unbroken view of God?
6. How do you think of/see yourself? How do you think God thinks of/sees you?
7. How do you think you having “healthy” sight would impact your life, family, work, ministry?
8. How is God calling you to be a better observer of Jesus and his presence?