

The Heart of the Matter

12. Is Jesus Christ the light of the world to you? In what way?

13. How has the Holy Spirit enlightened you concerning the things of God?

14. Who do you know who needs the light that only Jesus can bring?

15. How are these words in Genesis 1 both beautiful and meaningful to you?

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Life Group Study Guide

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Let There Be Light! Genesis 1:1-13 For the Week of May 7, 2017

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. What was the most significant "light-bulb" idea that you have ever received?
3. Are you afraid of the dark? What steps do you take to overcome your fear?

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Digging Deeper

4. How would you outline Genesis 1:1 - 2:3? What are some of the key phrases and repeated words that you observe? Describe the overall pattern of the text.

5. With the order you see from #4 what does this tell you about the order of creation? Its Creator? Its purpose?

6. What does God accomplish on days 1-3 that seems to be different than what He accomplishes on days 4-6?

7. What can we learn from the Bible about God's capability to speak things into existence and the sheer power of His Word? V3 (Psalm 33:6, 9; 148:5; Matthew 8:3; John 11:43)

8. In verse 2 the Holy Spirit seems to energize all of creation. How is this consistent with what the Holy Spirit has done in your life? (John 14:26; 16:5-11; Acts 9:17-18; Romans 15:13; I Corinthians 12:3; I Thessalonians 1:5)

9. From the Scriptures what is so essential about God and light? (Psalm 104:1-2; Isaiah 45:6-7; 60:19; John 1:9-10; II Corinthians 4:6; Ephesians 5:14; I Timothy 6:16; I John 1:5)

10. Twice Jesus said "I am the light of the world." How is Jesus the light of the world? What are the implications of that truth in your life? (John 8:12; John 9:5)

11. In Genesis 1:3 light is created without the need for the sun or the moon. How will this be like the end of the age that we see depicted in the book of Revelation? (Revelation 21:23; 22:5)