

Light & Darkness

Reflection & Discussion Questions

Light /līt/ (noun):

“the natural agent that stimulates sight and makes things visible”

Darkness /'därknəs/ (noun):

“the partial or total absence of light”

*“In [John’s] Gospel **light** always refers to the revelation and salvation that Jesus is and offers.”**

*“One who walks in the **darkness** rejects the revelation through Jesus Christ, since life (light) is provided only through Him and His words.”***

Read the following sets of verses from John/1 John and fill in/discuss the questions. Each set has a title and some extra verses (in gray) if you need help!

	How is “light” described in this verse?	How is “darkness” described in this verse?	How is the Gospel message “light”?	What is our world’s reaction to this “light”?	What opportunity do we have as we offer this “light” to a person in our world?
Life Over Death			(see 2 Timothy 1:10)	(see 2 Corinthians 11:14)	(see Psalm 23:4 & 139:11-12)
1 John 1:5					
John 1:4-5					

*[The InterVarsity Press New Testament Commentary on John 1](#)

**[“The Meaning of Walking “In the Darkness” \(1 John 1:6\).”](#) by Dr. Charles Baylis

Spiritual Sight Over Spiritual Blindness	How is “light” described in this verse?	How is “darkness” described in this verse?	How is the Gospel message “light”?	What is our world’s reaction to this “light”?	What opportunity do we have as we offer this “light” to a person in our world?
John 8:12			(see Acts 26:17-18)	(see 2 Corinthians 4:4 & 1 Corinthians 1:18)	(see John 3:3)
John 12:44-46					

Acknowledging Sin Over Hiding or Denying It	How is “light” described in this verse?	How is “darkness” described in this verse?	How is the Gospel message “light”?	What is our world’s reaction to this “light”?	What opportunity do we have as we offer this “light” to a person in our world?
John 3:19-21			(see Isaiah 61:1-2)	(see Isaiah 5:20 & 29:15)	(see Colossians 1:13-14)
1 John 1:6-7					

How has the gospel message brought “light” to your “darkness”?

Where do you see “darkness” in our world today? Where do you see “light” breaking through?

What is one way you are bringing (or could bring) light into a dark place in the world around you?

In his song, “Pushing Back the Dark,” singer Josh Wilson says, “Somebody needs the light you have”. Who in your world needs the light of the gospel today?