

SERMON BASED BIBLE STUDY

Light

1. We use the metaphor of light and darkness regularly in our speech. What are some of the expressions you have used? (Example: "I read the words in this question but I'm really in the dark as to what he's intending to communicate!")
2. Light reveals and darkness conceals. Absolute light reveals absolutely, and absolute darkness covers absolutely. What is Paul's emphasis and main point in Ephesians 5:13?
3. Read Luke 11:33-36: What exactly is our Lord addressing with these Jewish leaders?
4. Whose testimony of light is Jesus referring to? Why couldn't the people see it?
5. Read Luke 11:14-20. Throughout Jesus' public ministry, He healed people, He cast out demons, He raised the dead, He stilled the storms, He walked on water, and He did so much more. What are the only two possible, supernatural sources of His power? What was their conclusion? What would it mean if they accepted the fact that He was doing it by the power of God?
6. What "more light" are these spiritual leaders asking for to prove that He's from God?
7. What conclusion say about them in Luke 11:29? Was Jesus referring to their immorality? Irreligious? Why does Jesus say they are wicked?
8. What was the most profound indicator of their wickedness?
9. They wanted more light, more proof. Why does Jesus use the illustration of Jonah in verse 29-32?
10. What do you think? Is Jesus' teaching more about "light" or about "sight"?
11. Is it possible that people today can't see Jesus for who He is and that they remain willfully blind because they hate His message about sinful depravity, about self-righteousness, about alienation from God, about eternal judgment, about repentance? How does John shed light on this in John 3:19-20?
12. What is Jesus' word to the leaders of Israel in Matthew 15:14 and Matthew 23:16-24?
13. Read Luke 11:33 again: Why do you light a light?
 - Therefore, why would Jesus hold back evidence?
 - Didn't they have more light than the Queen of the South (v. 31)? Didn't they have more light than the Queen of Sheba? Didn't they have more light than the people of Nineveh?
 - The Light of the World was standing in front of them!!!! (See 1 John 1:5, 1 Timothy 6:16, Daniel 2:22, Psalm 36:9, 2 Corinthians 4:6, John 1:1-11 and 18:12, and Luke 1:78).

- What do they (we) need in order to “see” Jesus?

14. Read Luke 11:34 again. What’s the real issue?

Jesus is simply saying the problem is not light; there is light everywhere. The light of the glory of God shining in the face of Jesus Christ was completely obscured to these people. Although the light was everywhere — it was like the sun at noon day, blazing, blinding light — but they had no eyes to see because their eyes were completely covered with sin.

15. Read Luke 11:35 again. What is Jesus saying about their pretense of sight? (See Revelation 3:14-22)

16. Read Luke 11:36 again. How precious is sight? (Notice how expansive His words are!)

17. What is Peter’s glorious praise in 1 Peter 2:9 and 2 Peter 1:19? What is it that characterizes a person in Christ?

18. Read John 12:35-43. What critical lesson and truth is Jesus teaching us?

Prayer prompts:

- **Praise God Jesus is the light of the World.**
- **Thank God that the light of the Gospel floods your soul through grace and has given you spiritual sight.**
- **Pray that the Lord would shatter the darkness and open the blind eyes of _____.**
- **Give thanks for God’s Word that gives light on everything.**
- **Cast all your cares upon Him.**
- **Close in Thanksgiving.**