



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Sermon Series: Darkness Turned to Life

Sermon Title and Date: Week 1 – Easter Sunday; April 20, 2025

Summary

This Easter sermon focuses on the contrast between darkness and light, using Mary Magdalene's experience at Jesus's tomb as a central narrative. The pastor emphasizes how Jesus transforms darkness into light in our lives, and how we need to experience darkness to truly appreciate the light. The message culminates in explaining how believers are called to be light to others in a dark world.

Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, as we gather to discuss Your Word, open our hearts and minds to understand how Your light overcomes darkness in our lives. Help us to be receptive to Your message and guide our conversation to glorify You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Ice Breaker

What's your favorite way to brighten someone else's day?

Key Verses

- John 1:4-5
- John 8:12
- 1 Peter 2:9

Questions

- How has darkness (literal or metaphorical) affected your life decisions or emotions?
- What resonates with you about Mary Magdalene's experience at the tomb?
- How have you experienced Jesus bringing light into a dark situation in your life?
- Why do you think we need to experience darkness to truly appreciate the light?
- In what ways can believers be 'the light of the world' in practical terms?
- How does the resurrection of Jesus give us hope in dark times?
- What prevents us from reaching for the light of Jesus when we're in darkness?
- How can we help others find light in their darkness?

Life Application

This week, identify one person in your life who might be going through a dark time. Make a specific plan to be a light in their life through encouragement, support, or practical help.

Key Takeaways

- Jesus transforms our darkness into light
- We need to experience darkness to fully appreciate the light
- The resurrection means light has dawned and darkness cannot overcome it
- As believers, we are called to be light to others in darkness
- Jesus's light is always within reach, but we must choose to reach for it

Ending Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for being the light that overcomes all darkness. Help us to consistently reach for Your light and to reflect it to others who are struggling in darkness. Give us the courage and wisdom to be Your light-bearers in this world. In Your name we pray, Amen.