



## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

***Sermon Series: Darkness Turned to Life***

***Sermon Title and Date: Week 2 – April 27, 2025***

### **Summary**

The sermon focuses on the relationship between darkness and light in the Christian faith, particularly how facing darkness is necessary to fully appreciate and experience the light of Jesus. The pastor emphasizes that sometimes the greater the darkness, the greater the potential for experiencing God's light. Using examples from scripture, particularly Paul's conversion story, he illustrates how God often uses moments of darkness to reveal His light more powerfully.

### **Intro Prayer**

*Heavenly Father, as we gather to discuss these truths about darkness and light, open our hearts to receive what You want to teach us. Help us be honest about the darkness in our lives and give us courage to seek Your light. Guide our discussion and help us support one another in love. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

### **Ice Breaker**

Can you share about a time when you were in complete darkness (like a power outage or cave) and how even a small light made a big difference?

### **Key Verses**

- John 1:1-5
- Acts 9:1-9
- 1 John 2:8
- John 8:12

### **Questions**

1. What are some ways people typically respond to darkness in their lives?
2. Why do you think we sometimes prefer to stay in our darkness rather than stepping into the light?
3. How has God used difficult or dark times in your life to draw you closer to Him?
4. What does it mean practically to 'identify darkness in us'?
5. How can we resist responding to darkness with darkness in our daily lives?
6. What makes it difficult to face our personal areas of darkness?

7. How can we support each other in moving from darkness to light?
8. What's the difference between trying to be light ourselves versus letting Jesus' light shine through us?

### **Life Application**

This week, take time to honestly examine one area of darkness in your life that you've been avoiding. Bring it to God in prayer, asking Him to shine His light on it. Consider sharing this with a trusted friend or small group member for prayer and support.

### **Key Takeaways**

- The degree to which we embrace darkness determines how fully we can receive light
- What we refuse to face will never be healed
- Jesus' light keeps on shining regardless of the darkness
- We must identify darkness both in us and around us
- Only Jesus' light, not our own efforts, can truly overcome darkness

### **Ending Prayer**

*Lord Jesus, thank You for being the light that never stops shining in our darkness. Give us courage to face the dark places in our lives and faith to believe that Your light is stronger than any darkness we encounter. Help us to be carriers of Your light to others who are struggling. In Your name we pray, Amen.*