

Living As Light Series

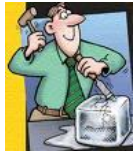
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Living As Light: Overcoming The Sight That Is Blind

2 Samuel 12:1-4; Matthew 5:14-16; Ephesians 5:8-16; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Revelation 21:8; Romans 3:23; 1 John 1:3-9; John 8:12;

Small Group Questions, Study, Discussion & Prayer (*Do NOT use all the questions, pick a few to discuss; use your own material*).



Ice Breaker: (Introduction, 5 – 10 minutes)

1. If given the opportunity to be more completely understood, what main quality or characteristic in your life would like people to better understand about yourself?
2. Why is this important to you? If people better understood you, what benefit would this provide to yourself, your family, your community or church? Discuss.
3. Discuss: How does John McCain's story as being a prisoner in a Vietnam prison camp with a Vietnam guard in that same camp helping loosen his bindings help illustrate that both John and his guard have overcome "The Sight That Is Blind"?



Dig: (Bible Study, 20 – 25 minutes)

1. King David had a spiritual disease that I call, "The Sight That Is Blind" (**2 Samuel 12:1-4**).
2. What did King David's sight allow him to see?
3. What did King David's sight NOT allow him to see?
4. How is it that one can see so clearly as he or she considers others, yet be so blind in seeing one's own true self?
5. Where do you think this disease is more prevalent, in the world, or in the church?
6. From a spiritual point of view, where does this spiritual disease do the most harm, in the world or in the church? Why?
7. When Paul says in **Ephesians 5:18**, "Wake up O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." Who is he talking or writing to? Why is this important to understand?
8. Of all these sins, adultery, fornication, homosexuality, idolatry, covetousness, stealing, cowardice, lying, stealing, pride, greed, drunkenness, magic arts, complaining, favoritism, ungratefulness, slandering & etc., which one or ones lead to death and hell?
9. Are you or we often tempted to believe that we can engage in some of these sins, while others cannot be engaged in some of these sins? Do we classify these sins as "black sins" or "little white sins"?
10. Is classifying sins as "white or little sins" harmful?
11. If it is harmful, how is it harmful to the individual Christian? How is it harmful to the church of Christ (i.e. the congregation)?
12. What is the cure for sin? Discuss. Look at **1 John 1:3-9**. (Possibly look at **James 5:16** also for additional information).



Application: (Living what we learn, 20 – 25 minutes)

1. How can this lesson help your personal and spiritual growth in Christ? Discuss.
2. How can you help others in your life, that are struggling in sin, by applying some truth learned or revived in this lesson?
3. How can your life group minister to someone else or to a group of people in your community in coming to a greater knowledge of Jesus Christ.
4. Is there someone in your family, or possibly a friend that you need to share how Jesus is helping you to overcome "The Sight that is Blind"? And in having done so, you can help them see how much Jesus loves them?.



Prayer: (Seeking God's direction & blessing for our lives as we learn to be followers of Jesus, 5 – 10 minutes)