

Fellowship Group Homework and Discussion

Getting Started

1. Where in your life are you tempted to live in the shadows of Christianity (where nobody knows you are a Christian) and where in your life are you comfortable to live in the light of Christianity (where everybody knows you are a Christian)? Why is this so?
2. What one point sticks out in your mind from last week's sermon?

Going Deeper

3. Read Galatians 2:11-14
 - What was the truth that Peter refused to act upon and therefore kept himself in the shadows?
 - How did this effect the Jews?
 - How did this effect the Gentiles?
 - What principle can we draw from this about the consequences of living in the shadows?

4. Consider the following groups. What effect could you living in the shadows have upon each of them?
 - Family
 - Co-Workers
 - Church Body
 - Your Oikos
6. What conclusion can you draw about living in the shadows as it pertains to your life and those around you?
7. Read Jonah 1-4. How did Jonah try to live in the shadows?
8. Why do you think God chose to pursue him even though he was being rebellious?
9. What were the results of living in the light?
10. Can you remember a time when you chose to live in the light and you saw positive results from it. Describe this time.
11. What conclusion can you draw about clearly demonstrating our association with Christ?

12. There are nine excellent questions to ask every time we study a passage of Scripture. Some of them will apply to one passage while others will apply to another. Pick one of these questions to answer based upon this sermon and your study.

Is there an example for me to follow?

Is there a sin to avoid?

Is there a promise to claim?

Is there a prayer to repeat?

Is there a command to obey?

Is there a condition to meet?

Is there a verse to memorize?

Is there a doctrine to believe?

Is there a challenge to face?

13. What attribute of God emerges from these passage? Make sure to worship God for that attribute in your time of prayer.

For Deeper Application

Sharing from this section is much more personal and is always voluntary. Only share the answer to this question if you feel comfortable doing so.

14. Is there a place in your life where you are living in the shadows? Why? What steps do you need to take to get out of this place?

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Vantage Point:

Nicodemus

John 3:1-21; 7:50-52; 19:38-42

I. I am invested in my old religion but I need to evaluate this new religion.

II. Nobody knows what I think about Jesus but it is time for me to take a stand.

III. Nobody is acting so it must be time for me to stand up.

IV. This is a major risk but I love the truth.