



WEEK FOUR REJECTING THE TRUE LIGHT

John 1:9-11

DISCUSSION 1

The True Light came in to the world.

1. The God of the universe, Jesus, came into His own creation. What does this say about the humility of Jesus?
2. Before Jesus came into the world, how did people hear from God? Give examples from the Old Testament.
3. Did Jesus have to come into the world and save humanity? Would God have been righteous and good if He had never saved anyone? Why?

DISCUSSION 2

His own rejected Him.

1. Read John 5:39 and 46. What do these texts tell us about the relationship between the Old Testament and Jesus?
2. Why did so many Jewish people reject Jesus as their Messiah?
3. Read Isaiah 53. What are some things this Scripture tells us about the Messiah and what He would do when He came?

DISCUSSION 3

We rejected Him.

1. At one point, we have all rejected Jesus. What are some things you have given your time and devotion to before you believed in Jesus? If you were young when you first put your faith in Jesus, what were the things that you struggled to put to death early in your faith?
2. What led to you believing in the gospel? Give a short testimony of how you came to believe in Jesus.
3. What is the biggest area of growth in your walk of faith? What are some things you've done to make that progress?

DISCUSSION 4

We are called to carry His light.

1. When was the last time you shared the gospel with someone? Have you ever shared the gospel with someone who became hostile to the message of Christ? Explain.

2. What are some things that keep you from sharing the gospel? Does sharing the gospel give you anxiety? If so, why?
3. What are some of the biggest idols of our culture? How does the gospel speak into these idols?

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. Tell your family about how you came to know Jesus as your Lord and Savior.
2. Talk about some of the things that make it hard to follow Jesus. Discuss what you can do as a family to encourage each other in your faith.
3. When was the last time you shared the gospel or your testimony with someone? How did that go?

APPLICATION

Individual: Seek out an opportunity to share the gospel with someone this week, either through a formal gospel presentation or through your personal testimony.

Individual: In John 5:39, Jesus said that the Old Testament Scriptures pointed to Him. To better understand this truth, commit to reading through a book in the Old Testament, looking for how it points to the coming Savior. While all of the Old Testament points to Jesus, some specific books to consider are Genesis, Ruth, and Isaiah. As you read, think about how that book points to Jesus. It may be helpful to use a Bible commentary as you read.

Group: Pray that God will grow your passion for those who don't have a relationship with Jesus. Pray for God to send you someone to share the gospel with or to disciple.