

Applying God's Word

This Week's Passage: Matthew 4:12-17

Corresponding Sermon from King's Church: "Jesus, The Light"

Opening Discussion

1. Read this week's passage together.
2. Share *your* immediate observations from this text. Was there anything shared in Sunday's sermon that stuck out to *you*?
3. In what ways were you able to see *yourself* in the sermon and in the text?

Going Deeper

1. In this week's passage, Matthew reveals that Jesus is the Light that invades the darkness of our world. All of Israel's (and the world's) hopes for redemption and restoration are fulfilled in him. What other scriptures can you find that use the light/darkness imagery? Discuss together how they relate to the text preached in Sunday's sermon.

2. Jesus' public ministry in Matthew begins with the call to "*repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!*" This message demonstrates that the darkness he invades is not just in the world but also in us. Discuss what it means for Jesus to be *our* light, both as a means of salvation and as call to holiness. Be specific.

3. In **Matthew 5:14-16**, the light imagery is applied to us as believers living in such a way as to point people to Jesus. Discuss how we can shine our light before others? How can we do this as individuals? As a Community Group?

Prayer Points

1. Thank God that it is an act of his grace and love that Jesus comes to save us while we are mired in darkness.
2. Ask God to help you be honest about sin you are trying to keep in the dark and bring it into the Light of God's grace.