

THE KING WE NEED

Discussion Guide: Light & Darkness

Passage: Luke 11:14-36

Summary: Jesus' exorcisms of demons are divine invasions into Satan's realm...a sign that He is the King bringing God's reign to earth. Yet, those who are full of darkness just can't see the light breaking in and refuse to listen to Jesus. What does it mean to be full of darkness? How do we become a people who are full of light?

Discussion Questions

1. The crowd brought assumptions about Jesus that blinded them from seeing the obvious about Him. What assumptions do we bring today about Jesus? Share both personally and about our world in general.
2. Jesus reveals that there is no neutral ground. In the midst of a spiritual battle between Jesus and the forces of evil, we are either with him or against him. How do you know if you are with Him?
3. How do we often define "the blessed life"? How does the "Eastside" of Seattle define happiness or the "blessed life"? Where does real "blessing" or happiness come from, according to Jesus (vs. 28)?
4. At the end, Jesus tells us that if we can't see the light, it's not because there's a problem with the lamp...it's because there's a problem with our eyesight. Our sight becomes blinded, blocked, or distracted from seeing Jesus, the Light...and so we are filled with darkness. He invites us to "be careful" that we look at the light. How do we practically "be careful" to look at the light today? Share specifically, especially if there are next steps you want to take.

Take time to pray for each other.