



Week 2 – The Light of the World

Announcements

Next Step Weekend – February 28-March 1 & March 7-8 at all campuses. Do you want to grow closer to God but you're not sure how? Let us help you take your next step. Go to ChurchoftheKing.com/nextstep or stop by one of the Next Step tables during Next Step weekend.

Men's Night 2015: March Mania – Wednesday, March 11 at 7:00PM at the Little Creek Campus. Activities, competitions and food start at 6:00PM. Join our speaker, Tommy Barnett, Senior Pastor of Phoenix First Assembly of God Church and co-founder of the Los Angeles Dream Center. Grab a friend and join us! ChurchoftheKing.com/mensnight.

Warm-up

Are you a morning person or a night person? Do you think the night is best spent sleeping or is that the time when you are most productive?

Word and Application

When Jesus said in John 8:12 that He was the Light of the World, He was talking about spiritual light. In the Bible, sin and evil are often described using the analogy of "darkness." Just as we have a hard time seeing in a dark room, so sin blinds us and keeps us from seeing the truth about God. Jesus came to set the world free from all kinds of intellectual, moral, and spiritual darkness.

Let's take a look at **Three Qualities of Light** revealed in Scripture so that we can understand better how Christ wants to set us free from sin and deception.

1. **Light guides our paths**

What sort of major life decisions do people struggle with? Why do you think it can be so hard to make these sorts of decisions?

Without God to guide our decision-making, we are left trying to confront life's biggest problems out of our own limited strength and abilities.

Read Psalm 119:105. This shows us how the Bible can be used as a guide.

What are some areas of your life where you need the Bible to help guide you in your decision-making?

2. Light reveals and exposes

When we come into a relationship with God, our goal should be to constantly keep growing closer to Him. This is easier said than done, however, as we all have issues in our life that keep us from God. Overcoming these is usually not a simple task.

The Holy Spirit wants to come into our lives and shine the light of God's truth into our heart. God wants to reveal our weaknesses and character issues to us not so that we feel ashamed, but so that we can hand our struggles over to Him and see God's transformation come to our life.

Read **Ephesians 5:8-13**. Can you think of an example from your own life where you once lived in darkness? How did God shine the light of His truth into this situation to bring change?

3. Light impacts its environment

Jesus Christ is the Light of the World. When we invite Jesus into our heart, His light comes into our lives. We can now be light to others by modeling Christ-like behavior to them in our words and in our actions.

Read Mark 5:14-16. What are some practical ways that you can be light to those around you this week?

How can you begin to apply this week's lesson to your daily life?

Prayer

Close with a prayer by inviting Christ to shine His light into your lives. Ask Him to guide your paths, reveal the truth, and to help you impact your environment in the coming week.