

Sermon Application Study

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Target Passage → John 1:9-13

1. In his message, John described darkness and true light in this text. Define what darkness true light are in this passage.
2. John said not all light is the **true** light. There are fakes. Discuss what our world throws at us as light which is not true light that gives life.
3. Tim used the story of his friend donating a kidney to a stranger simple because there was a need, and she was a close match. He said this illustrated well what the Savior was sent to do – to be a donor. Discuss as a group our need.
4. What are reasons so many in our world do need (darkness/death) or want what Jesus came to give (light and life)?
5. Tim said the primary culprit is our teaching from the cradle up – we have been taught “dialysis” – that we can remove any darkness/toxins from our lives through our own efforts. Do you agree or disagree. Explain
6. According to this passage, there are two ways people respond to the Savior’s offer of “light of life” – receive not and receive. Define from the message what receive means.
7. Tim stated that John uses the word “believe” 98 times in his Gospel – always as a verb or participles (action), never as a noun (a thing). Discuss the difference between seeing our response to the Savior as an ACTION, not a THING.
8. Look up the word “believe” and “believed” in John’s Gospel in a concordance (example, Biblegateway on your phone). Read examples of people in his Gospel who believed or did not believe. Was their response an action or a thing?