- Are you afraid of the dark? Do you or your kids sleep with a night-light? Why does light calm our fears?
- 2. Do you think we live in a dark world? What are the evidences these are dark days?
- 3. Do you feel like you are going through a dark season? Why?
- 4. Read the following verses. How important is light? Are you walking in the light?
 - a. John 1:4-9
 - b. John 3:19-21
 - c. John 8:12
 - d. 2Cor. 2:4-6
 - e. Eph. 5:8-14
 - f. 1Thess. 5:5
 - g. 1John 1:5-7
- 5. You are responsible to respond the light that has been given to you? Have you been given more light than you have responded to?
- 6. Discuss this definition of discipleship and its implications. Discipleship is the intentional and enduring response to the call of Jesus to believe what he said and live as he did.
 - a. Discipleship begins when Jesus calls your name and you chose to follow in obedience.
 - b. Discipleship demands a radical, growing relationship with Jesus.
 - c. Discipleship requires <u>leaving</u> old dependencies, loyalties, and paradigms.
 - d. Discipleship happens in community.
 - e. Discipleship turns a noun into a verb.
- 7. What is Jesus calling you to do? Have you done it? What is your excuse?

 Are you reproducing yourself by inviting others to follow you? Who are you following (other than Jesus)?
- 8. What value do you place on the preaching and teaching ministry of our church?
- 9. Every disciple is called to kingdom cracking ministry. Are you proclaiming by your life that the kingdom of God is at hand? Are you leading others by teaching them how to live? Are you relieving the pain of those with no hope?