

1) Remember the darkness. (7-8)

Do you remember the last time you felt the darkness that envelopes this world? Describe what you felt.

Do you remember what you felt like on the inside before God turned the light on? Describe your experience using the following words of darkness (Lost. Stress. Hurt. Guilt. Fear. Evil.).

To what degree do you still deal with the darkness of those things? Are there times when you feel like the darkness has overcome the light?

Discuss this statement: *The difference between a Christian and a non-Christian is the difference between light and darkness.*

2) Pierce the darkness. (9-10)

What is the difference between a fruit and a root? What is the fruit of light in your life? What is the root of your light?

Are you currently having trouble discerning whether something is pleasing to the Lord? What specifically is your dilemma?

How would these three questions help you discern what to do?

- Is it true?
- Is it right?
- Is it good?

3) Expose the darkness. (11-13)

Are you currently "taking part" in "unfruitful works of darkness"?

There are countless ways children of the light expose the darkness.

How did you expose the darkness on the outside this week?

- Get family right
- Speak a blessing every chance you get
- Suffer well
- Share with someone in need
- Stand for what's true, right, and good no matter what the cost

How did you expose the darkness on the inside this week?

- Confess secret sin
- Acknowledge secret hurt
- Admit secret weakness

4) Awake from darkness. (14)

Describe the last time you got a wake-up call from God.

Are you perpetually hitting the snooze button?

How loud does God have to sound the alarm before you wake up?

Additional Scripture

- Psalm 37:8
- James 4:7
- Isaiah 9:2
- John 1;4-5
- John 3;19-21
- John 8:12, 35-36, 46
- Acts 26:18
- Roman 13:11-13
- Colossians 1:12-13
- 1Thessalonians 5:4-5
- 1John 1:5-7