

# FOLLOW CLOSELY

...in Christ's Discernment

## DISCERNING THE LIGHT AND DARKNESS

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Introduction:

**Big Idea:**

\_\_\_\_\_ the light to \_\_\_\_\_ the light.

◆ **The Goal of Light:** \_\_\_\_\_



Sermon Notes

◆ The Source of Light: \_\_\_\_\_

◆ The Test of Light: can \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_?

What do I do if I see darkness in me? \_\_\_\_\_

⇒ Recognize that it is a \_\_\_\_\_ if you can see it.

⇒ Don't try to \_\_\_\_\_ your own \_\_\_\_\_.

⇒ \_\_\_\_\_ the only source of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ : Jesus Chris

**Personal Reflection and Application:**

1. Can you and others see the light of Jesus in your life? In what ways?
2. To what false sources of "light" are you tempted to turn? How is the light of Jesus better than those sources of darkness?
3. Do you see any darkness (sin) in your life that needs to be exposed in the light of Christ?
4. Are there any plans, choices or dreams that you need to examine in the light of Jesus?
5. Who has God put around you so that the light of Jesus would shine into their lives (believers and unbelievers)? How have they been able to see his light through you? Pray that they would see the light of Jesus ever more clearly through you.

**Gospel Community Discussion Questions:**

1. Read Luke 11:33. The painfully obvious goal of light is "seeing," and yet we miss this goal as it relates to spiritual light all the time. ***What are some ways we can hold up the light of Christ in our lives (for ourselves and others)?***
2. Read Luke 11:34-35, 2 Cor. 4:4-6, and Eph. 5:8. If we can see with healthy spiritual eyes (receive the truth of Jesus), we will be full of light. If we are spiritually blind, we won't be able to discern the light from darkness. ***To what false sources of "light" are we tempted to turn? How is the light of Jesus better than those sources of darkness?***
3. Read Luke 11:33 (again) and 11:36. ***Who has God put around you so that the light of Jesus would shine into their lives through you (believers and unbelievers)? In what ways can and will you shine the light of Jesus (specific)?***

***Pray that they would see the light of Jesus ever more clearly through you.***

**Breakout Time**

Split your group into men and women to pray for one another and speak the gospel of grace into one another's lives. Discuss any prayer updates and celebrate any growth or answers to prayer.