

## Questions

1. The phrase *After darkness, light*, became a kind of motto for the Reformation. What does it mean?
2. Review Colossians 1:13 and Luke 23:53. What did we learn last week about the domain of darkness?
3. Who is the true light? How did the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles serve as a backdrop to that statement by Jesus?
4. In what sense are followers of Jesus to be "light of the world" (Matthew 5:14-16)?
5. Why is it important to see that the New Testament commands about being light are second person plural (i.e. "you all"). What are some ways that being the light of Christ is individual **and** corporate?
6. Read Matthew 5:16 and Philippians 2:14-16. Through what means (at least two of them) is the light of Christ reflected through your life? Where could you use help and prayer to better reflect His light?
7. For discussion among your home group, are there some other ways that you can see expanding our facilities as a vehicle to further be lights in our community?

*After each service, if you need prayer,  
someone will be available up front to pray with or for you.*

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## After Darkness, Light Various Scriptures

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In Matthew 5, Jesus told His followers: "You are the light of the world... let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." How do we, as believers in Jesus Christ, function as lights in the world?

### **Post Tenebras Lux – After darkness, light**

The local church's role in projecting the light of the gospel into the darkness of our world.

Jesus Christ is the true light (John 1:9). He changed everything.

Jesus told His followers: You are the light of the world (Matthew 5:14-16)

**Four Biblical Truths about believers being the light of Christ:**

**1. Our light IS Jesus and is all about Jesus (2 Corinthians 4:5-6)**

**2. The New Testament instructions about being light are both individual and corporate (Matthew 5:14; Ephesians 5:8; Philippians 2:14)**

**3. Being light means engaging with darkness and facing the challenges that accompany such engagement (1 Thessalonians 5:4-8; Ephesians 5:11)**

**4. We are light by our words and our deeds (Matthew 5:16; Philippians 2:14-16)**

**Application: Grace Bible Church is and will continue to grow as a corporate gathering of lights in the world. Projecting His gospel into our community will give us ongoing and expanded opportunities for loving and serving people and showing them Christ. Here are three examples:**

**Biblical Counseling**

**Facility Usage**

**Welcoming Newcomers**

**Will you pray and ask God if He would lead you and provide for you to give to the Arise and Shine campaign?**