

# sermon

## discussion guide

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“The Devout Life: While You Have the Light”

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John 12:34-36

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### Opening Prayer:

*“Sustain me, my God, according to your promise, and I will live;  
do not let my hopes be dashed.*

*Uphold me, and I will be delivered;*

*I will always have regard for your decrees.” (Psalm 119:116-117)*

### Discussion Starter:

*Have you ever made a decision to accomplish a big goal and then never met that goal? What kept you from reaching that goal?*

### Sermon Summary:

*Review the sermon as a group.*

- *What key points or ideas from this week’s sermon stood out to you?*
- *How did the Spirit stir you to action or change?*
- *What other Scripture passages came to mind during the sermon and why?*
  - **Other Scriptures referenced:** Ephesians 5:13; Ephesians 5:8-11; John 1:3; 1 John 1:5-6; Matthew 5:16

### Key sermon points:

- *Last week we were challenged with the choice, “Father, save me from this hour” or “Father, glorify Your name.” Jesus then calls us to action – “Walk in the light”*
- *God chooses specific times and places to reveal himself and we are called to follow at those times.*
  - *Can you think of a time when you sensed God specifically revealing Himself to you and calling you to action? Share about that time.*
- *When God chooses to reveal himself, we:*
  - *Identify God*
  - *Follow God*
- *The only true way to recognize the light is to know the light.*
  - *How do **you** posture yourself to recognize God when He reveals himself?*
- *The light of Christ is a place where we are often refined. It can be hard to follow the light because it reveals things about us we may not want to see.*
  - *Have there been times in your life when the light has revealed things you didn’t want to see?*

- *How do we posture ourselves to be ready to respond rightly to the light instead of hiding from the light?*
- *If we subject ourselves to the light, we have the opportunity to become clean.*

**Next Steps:**

- *How has God revealed Himself to you? What decisions has this encounter caused you to make?*
- *What is the next step you need to take to “walk in the light?”*
- *What might keep you from “walking in the light?”*

**Prayer:**

*Spend some time sharing ways you can pray for each other. Pray about how you will respond to the sermon.*

***Prayer based on Romans 12:1-2***

*God, we give our bodies to You because of all you have done for us. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice – the kind you will find acceptable. This is the way we will worship You. We want to let You transform us into new people by changing the way we think. Then we will learn to know Your good, pleasing, and perfect will.*