



Series: There is Nothing Greater Than Walking with Jesus

Lesson 1: “Jesus Destroys Darkness”

*Announcements, encouragement to invite people and opening prayer.



Connect: an opportunity for people to immediately interact and connect with each other; icebreaker/attention getters. **Icebreaker:** If someone asked you to give some examples of spiritual darkness in the world, what would you say?

Transition: There are many kinds of darkness that apart from Christ, we do not see or understand as being dark.

Bottom Line: The dominion or ruling force of this world is darkness. Walking with Jesus frees us from the dangers of this dark world. It opens our eyes by His Word and Spirit.

LESSON PLAN

Question: Who were your favorite TV or comic book heroes as a child?

Read Colossians 2:1

1. Paul has not met these Christians, yet what is he doing for them and for the Christians at Laodicea?

Question: What are some people you hurt for that you have never met? What are some countries you know of where it is dangerous to live out the Christian faith?

Read Colossians 1:1-8

2. What was the focus of Paul and Timothy’s prayers for these Christians at Colossae?

Question: Have you heard of a church that is known for, has a reputation for loving others and living out their faith in a radical way? Who? Why do you think there are not more churches like the Colossian Church?



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This letter was written around AD 62. By AD 95 we see that the church at Laodicea is warned by Jesus about their apathetic ministry. There seems to have been a serious problem by the time of John’s vision from Christ.

3. How are faith and love the products of hope?

Question: What is some of the fruit you see growing because of the ministry of Pikes Peak Christian Church? What is some of the fruit you have seen grow because of your faith and love for Christ’s truth?

4. How does understanding God’s grace in all its truth create an ever-growing harvest of fruit in Christians?

Question: What are you personally doing to pass on the grace of God?

Read Colossians 1:9-14

5. What can we learn about prayer from Paul and Timothy’s example?

6. What was the purpose of Paul and Timothy’s prayers for them?

- a. They were praying they lived a life
- b. That they would please
- c. That they would bear fruit
- d. That that they would grow in the
- e. That they would be strengthened with all according to Jesus’ glorious might.
- f. That they would have great endurance and and joy.
- g. That they would give thankfulness to the Father for sharing this

7. How is their faith an inheritance?



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Question: How does the fact that there is no inheritance of salvation outside of Christ affect you personally? Does that fact influence the way you live and how you live? Does it make you share your faith more? Does it make you want to learn HOW to share your faith more?

8. What are we rescued from?

Question: What is the dominion of darkness? What are some ways the dominion of darkness is darkening the world we live in today?

9. What is the rescue plan of God?

10. What does God give us if we are in Christ?

Question: How do you know you are **IN** Christ?

Question: What are some of the most exciting things to you about living **IN** Christ?

Breakout Group or Discussion Time:

- Discuss the areas of darkness that Christ has taken away from your life.
- Discuss areas of darkness in this world that you need to point out to people you know.

Final Question: What is the one idea that stands out to you most from this lesson?