

RECAP

As we continue to reflect on last week's sermon, in what ways were you able to create space for Jesus to shepherd your life?

How did you respond to the voice of Good Shepherd this past week?

IDEA 1

We all have a craving for revelation, insight, guidance and discernment.

Rob reminded us that navigating a dark world goes better with the light of Jesus. His Light changes everything.

Describe what 'darkness' was *before* you met Jesus, or what it is *now* in the midst of Jesus' Light.

How does this Light in particular change how we see the darkness that surrounds us?

In what ways is Jesus' Light seen, expressed, and manifested through us?

IDEA 2

Rob identified three principles to embrace revelation and insight from the Holy Spirit: (1) Don't settle for a dimly lit path or artificial light (2) Don't assume you are in the light (3) Its the humble and hungry that receive revelation.

In what ways can we be led by a dimly lit path or artificial light?

What was it about the Pharisees that made them miss the light? And why does Jesus respond to those who are humble and hunger?

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

O Lord, give us, we beseech Thee, in the name of Jesus Christ Thy Son our God, that love which can never cease, that will kindle our lamps but not extinguish them, that they may burn in us and enlighten others. Do Thou, O Christ, our dearest Saviour, Thyself kindle our lamps, that they may evermore shine in Thy temple, that they may receive unquenchable light from Thee that will enlighten our darkness, and lessen the darkness of the world. Lord Jesus, we pray Thee give Thy light to our lamps, that in its light the most holy place may be revealed to us in which Thou dwellest as the Eternal Priest, that we may always behold Thee, desire Thee, look upon Thee in love, and long after Thee, for Thy sake. Amen.

Take some time with your House Church to read and respond to this prayer on light written by the Irish Abbot Columba. (You may like to print out a copy of this prayer for others to read)

What line or phrase stood out to your group?

What do you believe Columba is asking God for?

APPLICATION

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16

Think through this upcoming week - what is one way you can let the light of Jesus shine through you to others?