

Transition:

In the beginning when all things were created, everything was good, and the glory of God was with man. However, sin has become rampant in the World, especially in the times we are living in today. Sin not only results in separation from God, but it also results in a life of darkness. The beauty of the Gospel is that there is a way out of darkness, and the answer is Jesus!

Tell the story:

Tell the story (with passion!) the best as you can, don't stop and teach, try not to make points, just tell the story. Perhaps leave some parts out or make a mistake, just to see if your group catches it!

Rebuild the story:

Chronologically rebuild the story by asking questions. Have the group look for what was added or left out by looking in their Bibles and going back over the story. Then have someone else tell the story the best they can – just like you modeled the first time.

Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to you personally that Jesus is the light of the world?
2. How does Jesus as “light” contrast with the “darkness” described in the world or in our own hearts?

Fundamental:

Jesus reflects the very nature of God — holy, pure, and revealing truth. This sets the stage for understanding Jesus as the divine Light entering a dark world. Humanity lives in darkness without God. - Darkness symbolizes sin, ignorance, separation from God, and spiritual death. The world is lost without divine intervention — Jesus comes as that intervention. Light exposes sin and calls for repentance. People are invited to step into the light, but not all are willing. We as His beloved must accept the invitation into His marvelous light.

Homework/Challenge:

1. Ask yourself, is there any sin, habit, or fear I've been keeping in the dark? Spend time in prayer and reflection, inviting Jesus to reveal what need healing or change.

Discipleship Tip:

Just like a flashlight shows what's ahead in the dark, let Jesus give you clarity with direction in your life when you invite Him into your thoughts, choices, struggles, and major decisions in your life.

Prayer:

Jesus, Light of the World, Shine into the dark places of my heart. Guide my steps reveal Your truth and help me reflect Your light to others.