

Light

Purpose

- To show our friends God's plan of salvation.
- Jesus is the One who saves us and brings us back to God.

Introduction

- Review the darkness study – talk about the sins (does not need to be totally open at the point. But will need to happen soon – not cultural issue, openness issue)
- Pray together.

John 1: 10-13

- Jesus came to the world that was made through him.
- Sadly, many people of this world do not recognize who he really is.
- Good news, someone who receives him and believes him, so, Jesus gives them the right to become children of God!

John 3:1-7

- Jesus told this man that the Kingdom of God would come.
- Jesus mentioned to Nicodemus three times. No one can see the kingdom of God unless
 - Verse 3, He is born again.
 - Verse 5, He is born of water and the Spirit.
 - Verse 7, you must be born again.
- Jesus did not talk about physical birth, but he was mentioning about spiritual birth. As a Christian, it is so awesome that we can start our lives all over again.

Acts 2: 36-38

- Some of the people became convicted from Peter's sermon about Jesus.
- What did Peter reply to them all?
- Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus. Moreover, for what reason?
- Their sins will be forgiven and they will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

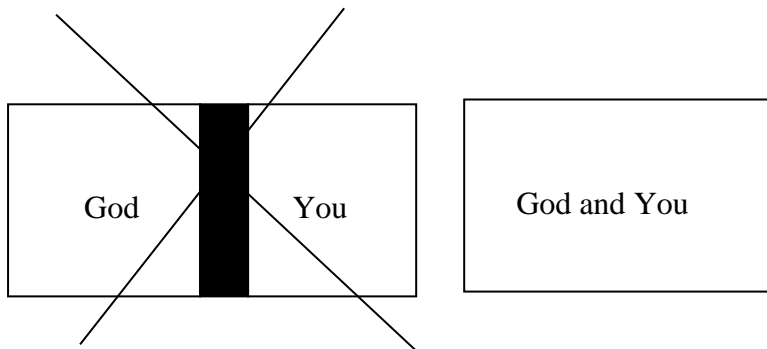
2 Corinthians 7:9-11

- Repentance is necessary before baptism
- True repentance is noticeable and radical
- Godly sorrow is not feeling sorry for self but for God and others

Rome 6:1-4

- Baptism is more than just a ceremony or a rule.

- Baptism is the participation in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ



At Baptism: God forgives all your sins through faith in Jesus.

Col 2:12

Faith is essential in baptism (being *buried* and *raised* with Christ)

1Peter 3:21

- We save through faith in Jesus Christ.
- Peter states that floodwater symbolizes baptism.
- Baptism is an appeal towards God.

Roman 3: 23-26

- We all have sins and we deserve death and the separation from God.
- Jesus is the atonement sacrifice for us.
- Through faith in his blood we are saved; it is not from any of our righteousness but God alone.

Optional verses:

- Belief and baptism go hand in hand, Mk 16:16
- Baptism is immersion into water and is part of the good news, Acts 8:26-39
- We need to be urgent for baptism, Acts 22:16

Practical challenges:

- Need to take responsibility for your own salvation .
- Enter the kingdom of God as fast as you can.
- Live in the light.

Memory scripture:**Roman 6:4**

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death
in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead
through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.