

Focus the Light- Week 2

Matthew 1:20b-21; Luke 1:76-79; Isaiah 53:6; Romans 3:23; John 5:24

Salvation gives light to those who sit in darkness.

1) Focusing the light on Salvation brings meaning to the darkness of a self-centered existence, and inspires me to change and fulfill the purposes of God for my life. Because Jesus was so generous with His gift of Salvation, my grateful response is to become a generous giver like Jesus, and to spend the rest of my life giving myself to God and His purposes. *Luke 19:1-10*

Salvation gives light to those who sit in the shadow of death.

2) Focusing the light on Salvation removes the shadow of death from my life. I no longer live in fear of death, but I live knowing that God has ordained every day in my life, and when I die, I have an amazing eternity with God to look forward to because Jesus has taken care of my judgment. *John 12:44-48; 1 Corinthians 15:51-57*

Salvation guides us in the path of peace. *Luke 2:14*

3) Focusing the light on Salvation enables me to live in peace with God and peace with my brothers and sisters. It gives me eyes of grace to truly accept others and see others as Christ sees them - valuable to Him, a masterpiece with a purpose and a living soul, that I am forever connected to in Christ. *1 John 1:5-10; Romans 15:5-7*

Discussion Questions:

1. How has Christ's forgiveness of your sins changed how you live? How do you express or live out your gratefulness for Salvation?
2. When you think of death, how do you feel? Afraid? Curious? Comforted? Secure? Excited? Why?
3. How are you at accepting people who are different than you? Do you feel fully accepted by God? Discuss how we are made fully acceptable through Christ.