

GOT A LIGHT?

The Problem With The Eye:

Luke 11:33-36

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The Problem With Religion:

Luke 11:37-44

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The Problem With Legalism:

Luke 11:45-54

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Legalism **enslaves** when Jesus came to set **free**.

Legalism would rather **control** God, than **be controlled** by God.

The Answer:

It is **ALL** about **loving God** and **loving others**.

Two Questions To Consider:

Would people say that I'm more **religious**, or more **loving**?

Would people say that I'm more concerned about **rules**, or **relationships**?

TAKING IT HOME

Looking back at this week's teaching and study, what is the most important thing for you to remember and why?

Prayer Requests:

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Growth Group Homework

For the week of May 1, 2011

QUICK REVIEW: Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there a particular point, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you or raised a question?

MY STORY

1. When you hear that as a follower of Christ you are a light to the world, what's your response? (Choose any that apply)

- Great reminder
- I rarely think about it
- Makes me a bit nervous
- Gets me pumped up
- Keeps me going
- Not sure what that means
- I feel like I have no effect
- Other

2. One of the questions we were asked to consider this week was "am I known for being more religious or more loving?" How might someone balance out the concept of "tough love" with this statement and what it means to live out the truth of God's Word?

3. This week we heard that it's important that personal preferences don't become biblical principles we put on others. Can you think of any personal preferences that you have to be careful of putting on others, making them be biblical principles? If so, explain.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. As a follower of Christ, God's light in us not only gives us an accurate perception of life and truth, but it also impacts others for Christ. Paul uses an illustration other than light to show how God uses us to impact others in 2 Corinthians 2:14-15. As you identify the illustration, how is it similar and different to the illustration of the impact of light?

How does keeping in mind both of these illustrations affect how you live and think?

2. Part of being a light and showing God's love is being kind and gracious toward others. But it's also not being a pushover. How do the following verses help us balance out what sometimes seems to be two opposing concepts?

Matthew 18:15

Ephesians 4:3, 29, 32

Luke 17:3-4

What challenges have you had balancing these two?

3. God's light in our lives results in his love shown to others through our words and actions. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 replacing the word "love" with your own name. Now take a minute to consider how true this is of your relationships with your friends, family or co-workers.

Is there one or two you think you're doing OK at?

Are there any that need attention?

Consider the questions below to help answer this question.

Am I harsh?
(Almost never) 1 --- 2 --- 3 --- 4 --- 5 (Often)

Do I have to win?
(Almost never) 1 --- 2 --- 3 --- 4 --- 5 (Often)

Am I self-centered?
(Almost never) 1 --- 2 --- 3 --- 4 --- 5 (Often)

Do I have a short fuse?
(Almost never) 1 --- 2 --- 3 --- 4 --- 5 (Often)

Am I cynical?
(Almost never) 1 --- 2 --- 3 --- 4 --- 5 (Often)