

## **WALK IN THE LIGHT – SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION**

**Peter Melbourne - (Morn. services 11 Oct 15, Eve. services 18 Oct 15)**

### **THE SIGNIFICANCE OF LIGHT**

Walking in the light rather than darkness is much more than just a battle of good against evil. Cowboy with white hat against cowboy with black hat. Light is used throughout Scripture to demonstrate the presence and character of God. That's why 1 John 1:5 says "God is Light". Let's explore this further.

Read Gen 1:1-5

Question 1 If God is Light, what is the significance of light being God's first command in creation?

There are many instances that God uses light to show his presence.

Read Lev 24:1-4

Read Ex 10:21-23

Read Ex 13:20-22

Read Acts 9:1-6

Read John 8:12

Question 2 Why did Jesus call himself the "Light of the World"?

Read Rev 21:22-27

Question 3 What is the nature of the light in this passage?

### **WALKING IN DARKNESS**

Read 1 John 1:5-6

John's letter is addressed to believers so he is talking about believers walking in darkness.

Question 4 In what circumstances would a Christian be defined as walking in darkness?

Question 5 What are some of the reasons Christians would be prepared to live with sin in their lives? Think of at least three reasons.

Question 6 Read John (not 1 John) 5:1-6. Jesus asks "Do you want to get well?" What reasons would the man have for not wanting to get well? Think about it!

Question 7 What are some of the reasons why we would not want to let go of our sin and be "healed" by God?

### **WALKING IN THE LIGHT**

Read 1 John 1:7-10

Question 8 What are the characteristics of walking in the light?

Verses 8 and 10 state that we still have sin in our lives. Re-read these verses. In fact, we will still be battling with our old nature till we reach Heaven. However, the Holy Spirit does transform us so that with our willingness and effort, we are slowly being transformed into the new nature.

Question 9 So that we are continually walking in the light, how should we treat our sin? Think of at least three actions.

### **PRAYER TIME**

Spend some time in prayer, praising God that we have been invited to become his children and "People of Light". Spend some time in confession of sins so that you continue to "Walk in the Light".