

Talk It Over

Questions are prepared each week by the teaching pastor and are designed to prompt insights, questions, and the life experience of each listener. If these are used in a group immediately following the talk, it would be much the same as what was done in Israel at the time of the early church. They will also be useful to individuals who want a deeper understanding of the message.

Each of our Site Pastors shared their own message this week, so questions are listed accordingly. You don't need to answer all of the questions. Choose one or several to think about on your own or to discuss if you are meeting in a group.

EDINBORO

1. How does the concept of light play a crucial role in both physical and spiritual contexts?
2. Read John 8:12. Discuss the implications of Jesus' declaration regarding being the light of the world. How does it relate to the theme of hope in dark times?
3. Reflect on a recent personal experience where you felt overwhelmed by darkness or hopelessness. How can the analogy of the eclipse and the presence of Jesus as the constant light apply to your situation?
4. Consider a specific promise from the Bible that has provided strength or guidance in your life. How can you incorporate more of God's promises into your daily routine to combat darkness?
5. Think about a favorite hymn or worship song that resonates with you deeply. How does it reflect the ongoing experience of living in the light of Jesus daily, rather than just during special occasions or events like Easter?



UNION CITY

1. How does the metaphor of the solar eclipse illustrate the concept of Jesus as the "Light of the World"?
2. What are some examples of necessary "deaths" in our lives for new life to begin, both spiritually and emotionally?

ONLINE

1. What parallels are there between the temporary darkness of a solar eclipse and the moments of darkness we experience in our spiritual lives?
2. Reflect on a recent moment of darkness or challenge in your life. How did you experience the light of Jesus breaking through that darkness? What lessons did you learn from that experience?
3. Consider practical ways to incorporate prayer, community involvement, and regular Bible reading into your life as means of finding and sharing the light of Christ. How can these practices help you navigate through times of darkness?
4. How can you be a beacon of hope and light in your community, especially during times of uncertainty or difficulty? Think of specific actions you can take to share the love and grace of Jesus with those around you.