

Light My Way

OPENING QUESTION

When have you been in a dark place and you wanted some light?

READ 1 John 1:1–10.

1. How do you know that Jesus is real, and that he is God?

- A. I've seen him.
- B. I've heard him.
- C. I've felt him.
- D. The testimony of others.
- E. Miracles.
- F. Scripture.
- G. The difference Jesus has made in my life.
- H. You can't know for sure; it requires some faith.
- I. Other.

2. What was John's testimony about Jesus?

- A. Jesus was real.
- B. I lived with him.
- C. Jesus was human, like you and me.
- D. Jesus was God.
- E. Jesus came from God.
- F. Jesus is human, and Jesus is God.
- G. Jesus brings us into fellowship with God.
- H. Jesus brings us into fellowship with each other.
- I. Other.

3. Would you translate *verse 4* "YOUR joy" or "OUR joy"?

- A. I don't translate from Greek to English.
- B. It's not up to me; that's up to God (or a Greek scholar).
- C. It could be translated either way, or it could mean both.
- D. John wrote it so YOUR joy would be complete—a gift for you.
- E. John wrote it so OUR joy would be complete—fellowship together.
- F. Either is fine with me.
- G. It should be both.
- H. Writing doesn't make anyone's joy complete; experiencing it does.
- I. Other.

4. If “God is light” (vs. 5), what are the ramifications?

- A. God makes it easier to see.
- B. Darkness disappears when God is present.
- C. Light often brings warmth.
- D. Scientifically, light is energy; so God is energy.
- E. God is bright.
- F. God is the opposite of darkness.
- G. Light enables people to see things they wouldn’t otherwise see.
- H. Light is the fastest thing known to humans.
- I. Other.

5. What is the relationship between light and dark, fellowship and sin?

- A. Light removes darkness and exposes sin.
- B. Sin seeks darkness rather than light.
- C. Fellowship can happen in the light or in the dark.
- D. Light and fellowship go together.
- E. Light and fellowship come with God.
- F. We are a combination of all four.
- G. We lose fellowship when we sin and move to the dark.
- H. Other.

6. What happens when we confess our sin(s)?

- A. Everyone will know about it.
- B. Everyone will talk about it.
- C. Jesus/God forgives us.
- D. We only need to confess to God.
- E. Our fellowship will be with sinners.
- F. Our fellowship will be with forgiven sinners.
- G. We will experience forgiveness—Yes!
- H. It should be a habit we practice.
- I. Other.

7. What is your paraphrase of *verse 9*?

8. What is your testimony about who Jesus is?