



TRIALS & TRIUMPHS

LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

Matthew 4:12-17

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12 Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. 13 And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, 14 so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 15 "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— 16 the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned." 17 From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (ESV)

1. Grasp _____ (vv.12-16a)

2. Behold _____ (v.16b)

3. Repent _____ (v.17)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about LifeGroups at Compass Bible Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion, please visit compasshillcountry.org/lifegroups or email us at info@compasshillcountry.org.

1. What is one observation you found particularly helpful from this week's sermon?
2. Read [Romans 3:10–18](#). Why is grasping the depth of your own depravity fundamental to understanding your need for a savior?
 - a. Look up some synonyms for the word “Depravity” and write them down.
 - b. How do those words describe life before you were saved?
 - c. For Christians, how do these words effectively describe the desires still present in your flesh that are contrary to God's character?
3. Read [Matthew 4:15–16](#) and [Romans 3:23–26](#). In what ways do you see the darkness of your sinful nature contrast with the light of Christ and His perfect nature? Give examples.
 - a. What do the contrasts between you and Jesus do to help you recognize Jesus as the perfect substitute for your depravity?
4. Read [Matthew 4:17](#). What is the fundamental message of Jesus' preaching at the beginning of His ministry in Matthew 4?
5. Read [Luke 24:46–47](#). What is the fundamental message of Jesus' preaching at the end of His ministry in Luke 24?
 - a. How does seeing that Jesus' message never changed throughout His life grow your confidence in the purpose of Jesus' ministry and in your stewardship to share that message with others?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

February 12th

Leviticus 14 & Matt 26:55-75

February 13th

Leviticus 15-17 & Matt 27:1-31

February 14th

Lev. 18-19 & Matt 27:32-66

February 15th

Lev. 20-21 & Matt 28:1-20

February 16th

Lev. 22-23 & Mark 1:1-22

February 17th

Lev. 24-25 & Mark 1:23-45

February 18th

Lev. 26-27 & Mark 2

February 19th

Numbers 1-2 & Mark 3:1-21

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