



A. W. Tozer wrote that what comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us. It is critical that our thoughts of the Almighty are worthy of Him, so in this series we'll explore some great I AM narratives in the Old Testament to remind us that He STILL IS!

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family and/or with a group.

1 Rick began by pointing out that darkness is mentioned over 200 times in the Bible. *It is often used as a metaphor for evil, for suffering, for brokenness, for the fallout of life apart from God.* Share some examples of “darkness” you’ve seen or experienced recently. Follow up: What impact did “light” have on you in the midst of that darkness?

2 **“LET THERE BE LIGHT” is God’s gift to the world.** *God was preparing the earth for people, and providing light was the first “good” thing He did.* **Read Genesis 1:1-3 and Revelation 21:23.** What are the implications of God Himself being the source of this light? Follow up: How does that provide hope even with all the darkness in between?

3 Rick said that *“It is the bent of the rebellious human heart to reject what God calls good.”* **Read John 3:19, Ephesians 4:18-19.** What stands out to you the most from these verses? Follow up: With that in mind, how would you use verses like **John 1:9** to explain God’s gift of light to a friend caught up in the darkness of this world (to let them know that God refuses to let darkness have the last word)?

4 **“LET THERE BE LIGHT” is our prayer in the world.** *We must be vigilant not to become complacent about darkness.* In what situations are you most tempted to be complacent about the darkness around you? Follow up: How does the story of God making the sun stand still in **Joshua 10:13-14** encourage you to pray bigger and bolder prayers? What bold prayer do you need to pray right now in front of other people?

5 Rick mentioned that our prayers *“should start with God exposing the darkness in our own lives.”* Why is it so important to start with ourselves first? What is something God has exposed in your life recently? Follow up: **Read 2 Corinthians 4:4-6.** Why are some people’s minds blind and unable to see the light? What does that tell us about the need for divine intervention?

6 **“LET THERE BE LIGHT” is our mission for the world.** *When God delivers people from spiritual blindness, He always brings them to others who have “seen the light.”* Share a story of how you’ve seen this to be true (perhaps in your own life).

7 **Read Acts 26:17-18.** Rick pointed out that *Many people live in such darkness about the true God. To them He is Rule-Maker, Task-Master, Fine-Giver, Judge in the Distance.* Who is someone in your life that views God like that right now? How can God use you to help them see Him differently (think creatively and be specific)?

8 Rick closed by reminding us that **Jesus > darkness!** *There was a time at Golgotha when evil thought it had put the light out.* **Read John 1:5.** How does this verse encourage you today? Follow up: How has this series shaped or reshaped what you think about God? How will that impact the way you live this week?

