

Discussion guide for 3/22/2020

After watching the live feed take some time to discuss these as a family. Use your best judgement on the age of your kids on how long the discussion can last but press in longer than you think. If you don't get through all of it today make it a daily thing you refer to throughout the week. Take the Prayer provided and pray it daily with your family.

Quote:

“I have learned things in the dark that I could never have learned in the light, things that have saved my life over and over again, so that there is really only one logical conclusion. I need darkness as much as I need light.”
– **Barbara Brown Taylor**

What are some things God is teaching you during this walk in the dark?

Prayer

*Walk in the light, the beautiful light.
Come where the dew drops of mercy shine bright.
Shine all around us by day and by night.
Jesus, the light of the world.
O gracious Light,
pure brightness of the ever living Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!
Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the evening light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of life,
your glory fills the whole world.*

When can we pray this prayer together as a family?

Psalm 23

A psalm of David.

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd;
I have all that I need.
- 2 He lets me rest in green meadows;
he leads me beside peaceful streams.
- 3 He renews my strength.
He guides me along right paths,
bringing honor to his name.
- 4 Even when I walk
through the darkest valley,[a]
I will not be afraid,
for you are close beside me.
Your rod and your staff
protect and comfort me.
- 5 You prepare a feast for me
in the presence of my enemies.
You honor me by anointing my head with oil.
My cup overflows with blessings.
- 6 Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me
all the days of my life,
and I will live in the house of the Lord
forever.

What ways do you need comfort?

How has God prepared a feast for you during this time?

(What are some of the blessings)

John 9:1-7

1 As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth.

2 His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

3 Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him.

4 We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work.

5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

6 When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes,

7 saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

What are ways in which I can follow the light of Jesus during this season of walking in the dark?

Where have I seen Jesus' light?

How will you be a tangible light for others in your community?

Pray asking Jesus to shine more of his light in our life.

Psalm 46

- 1 God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.
 - 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
 - 3 though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.[c]
 - 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
 - 5 God is within her, she will not fall;
God will help her at break of day.
 - 6 Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.
 - 7 The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
 - 8 Come and see what the Lord has done,
the desolations he has brought on the earth.
 - 9 He makes wars cease
to the ends of the earth.
- He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields[d] with fire.
- 10 He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth."
 - 11 The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Read through this Psalm 3 times slowly. After each reading ask the question: What stood out to you most?

After going through the Psalm 3 times discuss what you feel God is saying to you through the Psalm.

