

GOD IS THE LIGHT

March 30, 2025

Youth-Led Sunday



John 8:12

12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.'

Luke 11:34

34 Your eye is the lamp of your body. If your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light; but if it is not healthy, your body is full of darkness.

REFLECT & DISCUSS

1. Read the passage slowly. Then take a deep breath and read it again. What word, phrase, or image stands out to you?
2. Do you have any stories about a time when you "saw the light" (had an important "insight") about someone or something?
3. Have you ever been "blinded by the light" (literally or metaphorically)? What happened?
4. Our current understanding of the eye is more like a window: the eyes let light in. Not so in the ancient world. The eye was thought to emit rays of light. While our understanding of the eye has evolved, the teaching metaphor might still hold: we tend to see what we are looking for. If we are looking for ways to help, encourage, give, share, and bless, we may well find opportunities. If we are looking for ways to promote ourselves, compare ourselves, prove ourselves, or hoard up for ourselves: we will likely find opportunities to do so. What are you "looking for" this Lenten season? What have you been training your eyes to see?
5. Father Richard Rohr implores his readers, "Remember, *light is not so much what you directly see as that by which you see everything else.*" If Jesus is "the light," what does "walking in his light" make it possible to notice more clearly and see in its fullness? What might we miss if we are not seeing the world with Christ's light?

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QUESTIONS Lenten Sermon Series

Jesus asked over 300 questions in the gospels. He knew the power and promise of a good question. Lean into the questions Jesus asked, and explore some of the hardest questions you asked.

April 7 Questions You Asked: What About Heaven and Hell? (Ephesians 1:3-14)

You can take the afterlife survey following the QR code to the right or using this link: <https://forms.gle/b5VGwOKPx1wUYLNg6>



April 14 One Question Jesus Answered (Matthew 22:8-11, 34-40)



LENTEN RESOURCES

Welcome the Lenten season of introspection and self-examination. Learn more about what Lent can mean and how you can experience it. Find a Lenten guide and more resources in the foyer or online: southelkhorncc.org/lent

MAUNDY THURSDAY April 17, 6:30 PM

A contemplative worship service in the spiritual intimacy of the Historic Sanctuary. Nursery provided for children ages 6 weeks to 2 years.

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