

LET THERE BE LIGHT DISCUSSION GUIDES

LET THERE BE LIGHT Discussion Guide: Session 1

HOPE: Hope is the desire for a particular thing to happen. As believers, we place our hope in Jesus, for non-believers they can only hope in things they can control or in the people around them, they do not have hope in an all-powerful, all-knowing King of the Universe. In LET THERE BE LIGHT Dr. Sol Harkens spends his life sharing the message of Atheism. On the outside he is a strong, charismatic, self-absorbed character, behind the scenes he is lonely, troubled, and confused. He lives his life denying hope. Dr. Harkens needed hope, something to hold on to, and while it was right in front of him, he could not see it.

READ: Isaiah 41:1-14

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How does this relate to you? Are you blinded and unable to see Hope?
2. Why do we often let things get worse in our life before turning to God?
3. What can we do to in our own lives to get rid of the things in our way?
4. What do you place your hope in?
5. What do you need hope for in your life now?

Here is an acrostic for HOPE that will help you place your focus on Jesus, the only true Hope.

Hold On – Isaiah 41:10

Overcome – Psalm 21:1; Isaiah 41:13

Pray – Jeremiah 29:12

Eyes on Jesus – Hebrews 12:2

LET THERE BE LIGHT Discussion Guide: Session 2

BELIEVE: Our beliefs are what really define us; our views on cultural issues, where we stand, and what influences our decisions. Sometimes there are issues we have not formed a belief around; maybe we just don't know how we feel about things. When we do not fully believe something, our opinions can be swayed and changed. When it comes to our faith in God, we must not be standing in the middle, we need to know where we stand and what we believe. Our Faith is the most important thing in our life. It should be what forms our worldview and even our calling in life should depend on what we believe God is calling us to do. Without an understanding of what we believe, our world is built on quick sand.

READ: Jude 1:3; 1 Peter 3:15; 2 Corinthians 10:5; Psalm 94:16; Titus 1:9; 2 Timothy 4:2

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Why does it matter what you believe?
2. Do you feel like you have a good grasp on your faith?
3. If pressed, could you give a good defense for what you believe?
4. What are some things you believe in, other than your faith? Give a defense for something. (EXAMPLE: I believe the Chicago Cubs are the best baseball team.)
5. What do you need to get a better understanding of your faith?

The Case For Christ is a great book to begin understanding the things about the Christian Faith that are indisputable outside of God's word. Many will not accept your defense of your faith using the Bible. It is good to not only know what the Bible says, but what other's have said and discovered about the truth of the scripture citing other sources.

LET THERE BE LIGHT Discussion Guide: Session 3

MAKE A DIFFERENCE: In LET THERE BE LIGHT, after Dr. Harkens turns to faith in Jesus and re-connects with his family, they set out to make a difference, to share their faith with as many as they can across the world. Once you have been living in the darkness, the light is overpowering, it consumes you, and you must share it. Has the gospel overpowered you? Are you so overwhelmed with the power of the gospel that you must share it? How sad it is that we who know the truth would hold it for ourselves. One of the best ways to show the real gospel is to serve others, to make an impact with acts of service. How can you make a difference in your community, city, and with those around you that need to not only hear the truth, but see it?

READ: Matthew 4:16, Psalm 109:105; Matthew 5:13-16; Luke 12:33-34; Romans 12:1

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How has the Gospel changed your life?
2. Have you thought about how your life can make a difference, because of the Gospel? How?
3. How are you making a difference?
4. What does it mean to be a “living sacrifice”? (Romans 12:1)
5. How can you be a brighter light where you are?

Ways you can make a difference:

Do something for your neighbor.

Do something that would blow a family members mind, serve without being asked.

Do something that helps those in need – raise funds for hurricane victims by selling something you don't use anymore.

How else can you make a difference?