

# STUDY GUIDE

## THE WALK 04.18.21

### [set up]

What do you enjoy most about our long spring and summer days here in NE Ohio?

What applications can we make from our enjoyment of long summer days to our need to live in the light of Christ?

### [digging deeper]

Read Ephesians 5:8-14 in the ESV.

Read Ephesians 5:8-14 in another version (like the NIV, the Message, the New Living Translation, the Amplified Bible, or the Living Bible).

Ask someone in the group to share the truths in the passage in his or her own words. (The rest of the group can fill in any gaps that may be missing.)

Ask, "What does this passage tell us about God?"

Ask, "What does this passage tell us about ourselves?"

Assign individual members of the group to read a few of the following passages one at a time. After they read the passage, ask them to respond to the question, "What stands out to you in this passage about light and darkness?" Choose 8-10 passages from this list:

Isaiah 9:2  
Isaiah 42:16  
Isaiah 60:1-3  
Micah 7:8  
Matthew 4:16  
Matthew 5:14-16

John 1:1-5  
John 3:19-20  
John 8:12  
John 11:10  
John 12:35  
John 12:46

Acts 26:18  
Romans 13:12  
2 Corinthians 4:4-6  
1 John 1:5-7  
1 John 2:9-11

Ask, "What price do we pay if we choose to walk in the darkness?"

### [living it out]

Title a Giant Post-it "The Walk." Divide it into two halves – right and left. On the right, create a heading that says "...in the darkness." Brainstorm a list of 5-7 ways a person can know if they are living in the darkness. Ask, "Which of these is the biggest temptation for you? What steps can you take to overcome that temptation?"

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On the left of the Post-it, create a heading that says, "...in the light." Brainstorm a list of 5-7 ways a person can know if they are living in the light. Ask, "Which of these is the biggest opportunity for you? What steps can you take to walk in more and more of Christ's life?"

In order for people in the group to walk in the light more faithfully in the days ahead, ask everyone in the group to craft an "I will..." statement. Ask each person to share that statement with the group.

Pair up for closing prayer. Ask each person to pray that God will enable their prayer partner to fulfill their "I will" statement. (Include praying for one another's "Who's Your One?" friend and praying that the Lord of light will send forth laborers from within CVC to help people walking in darkness to come to the light of Christ.)