

Darkest Before the Dawn

LUKE 5:27-32

The Word is the eternal life-giving Creator of all things
(vv 1-5)

In the incarnation, the light of Christ dawns to drive
away darkness and death (vv 6-9)

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. John 1:1-3 offers deep insight into the nature of the Word/Son of God. What do we learn about Him from these verses? What false teachings might this passage help us to refute? See also Colossians 1:16-17.
2. Compare John 1:1-3 and Genesis 1:1-26. How does John's creation account add to Genesis'. Consider the use of the word, "Word" in John 1 and how that intersects with Genesis.
3. What does it look like for light to shine in the darkness? Is darkness able to overcome the light? Consider, of course, physical darkness/light, but also spiritual darkness/light. 1 Peter 2:9, Ephesians 5:7-14
4. What does it mean to be a witness? What is John the Baptist's role in the plan of salvation? Luke 1:8-17; 3:1-6, 15-17. How can you be a better witness for Jesus in this Christmas season and beyond? Romans 10:13-14.
5. Have you come to Jesus for life? What darkness has God rescued you out of? What does the dawning of the light in the darkness mean to you? Consider sharing your testimony with your group.
6. Who in your life needs to come out of darkness and into the light? Who will you share this message of hope with this week?

