



Connect Group Discussion Guide

1. Our rejection story this week is about keeping the darkness around us from taking residence within us. How do we keep the darkness that is around us out of us?
2. Definition of darkness: the absence of light. The slang definition of darkness: unpleasant. Based on this, what kinds of “darkness” is around us?
3. What does it look like when dark times get in us? Five things can happen:
 - We become self-focused (Read the Matthew verse)
 - We become angry (Read the Ephesians verse)
 - We lose our perspective on who Jesus is (Read the Romans verse)
 - We tend to live small
 - We tend to ask for the wrong things

Do any of the above items in the list ring true for you? For someone you know?

5. Jesus has showed up to rescue you from the kingdom of darkness! Read the Jeremiah and the Colossians verses. How does this encourage you where you are right now?
6. There are two ways to get the darkness out of you (if you find yourself living in this space):
 - Embrace the big picture of what God is doing (and get involved in serving others in some way and connecting with others)
 - Trust Jesus (Read the Psalm verse)

How can you be a “light” to someone this week?

NOTE: CGL, listen actively and carefully to what is being said during the times when participants share. Let their responses guide how you tailor your interactions and studies with the group during the session.

Series: *Rejected* “Rescued from Darkness”

Week of May 8, 2022

Main Idea

Jesus has showed up to rescue you from the kingdom of darkness!

Key Scripture Reference(s)

Read aloud:
Luke 23:39-43
Matthew 16:25
Ephesians 4:31
Romans 6:23
Jeremiah 29:11
Colossians 1:13
Psalm 105:8

Your Faith in Action

What steps will you take this week to **show** others what you believe (in words and in deeds)?

Mon: _____

Tue: _____

Wed: _____

Thu: _____

Fri: _____

Sat: _____

Sun: _____

This is a constant element, so you can practically live out your faith everyday.