

Prayer Concerns:

The Light of Hope

2 Corinthians 4:1-6 [Page 1797]

1. We are the light of the world. [1-3]

As the light of the world, we...

1. Share the ministry of _____, _____,
and _____ through Jesus.
2. Never _____ or _____
3. Renounce _____ and _____ ways.
4. Refuse to _____ God's Word to _____
5. Set an _____ worth _____

2. The prince of darkness. [3-4]

3. The face of Christ. [5-6]

1. It is _____ Jesus that we can _____
God.
2. To know God, we must be _____ of our
_____ and _____
3. The light of Christ _____ the _____ in
our hearts.

Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started:

1. As a child were you afraid of the dark? What kinds of things did you imagine lurking in the darkness?

Digging Deeper:

Read 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

1. In verse 1, Paul tells us we have been given a ministry by God's mercy. What is that ministry [see 2 Cor. 3:8, 9, and 5:18]?
2. What can cause us to lose heart, grow weary, or act badly in our world today? What kinds of things tempt us to give up fulfilling the ministries God has called us to?
3. Read verses 1-3. What commitments did Paul make to keep him from giving up? How can these same commitments help us today?

4. The veil imagery in verses 3-4 refers to what Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 3:14-16. Who is the one veiling the faces of unbelievers? How can that veil be removed?

5. Read verses 5-6. How has the light of Christ shone in your heart?

Taking it Home:

1. How diligently are you carrying out the ministry of righteousness, reconciliation, and forgiveness? Are you letting the light of Christ shine for others to see?