

Sermon discussion questions for The Fine Art of Walking in the Dark

1. Where were you in the 1994 Northridge Earthquake? What did you experience?
2. Describe was a past season of uncertainty or darkness in your life?
 - What were the things that helped sustain you during that time?
 - What would you have done differently?
 - What was the outcome?
3. As a group, rewrite this passage with totally different words
 - Even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you. Psalm 139:12
4. What are things you know to be true about God that could be encouraging to another person during a time of great uncertainty and fear?
5. *Psalm 9:10 Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.*
 - What are several passages or stories in the Bible that you could point to that show this concept is true?
6. *Psalm 119:105-112 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. I have taken an oath and confirmed it that I will follow your righteous laws. I have suffered much; preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word. Accept, O LORD, the willing praise of my mouth, and teach me your laws. Though constantly I take my life in my hands, I will not forget your law. The wicked have set a snare for me, but I have not strayed from your precepts. Your statutes are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart. My heart is set on keeping your decrees to the very end. NIV*
 - What was the psalmist's "plan" for dealing with the season of suffering he was facing?
 - What does it mean that the psalmist "took an oath to follow God's decrees"?
7. Self-Examination:
Take some silent time to ask yourself these questions.
Share if you dare!
 - How am I trusting in the name or not?
 - How am I relying upon / "leaning" on Jesus ...or not?
 - Have I been running in the dark?
 - Have I lit my own torch and proceeding without God, compromised?
 - Jesus, is there something I need to do or stop doing today?
8. Memory Verse –
 - *Psalm 9:10 Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.*

9. Prayer: What is a difficult or uncertain situation in your life that you need prayer for today? Pray for them as a group.