# Darkness to Light 1. Genesis 1:1-5

# God introducing Himself

## God is the creator

### Speaks of His power

### Speaks of His creativity

### Speaks of His personality

### Speaks of His glory

### Speaks of His separateness

#### A theme continued in the NT

## God is in charge

## God created everything out of nothing

## God the Trinity brought it about

# God had a purpose in creation

## He did it for good

## He did it to bring glory to Himself

# God the ultimate creator

## Everything that is not God came from God

## Nothing other than God is self-sufficient

## Nothing is intrinsically evil

## Everything that is has value

# God speaks

## And when He does things change

# God blesses with purpose

### This is the light of life that we understand

## Describes how something can show value

## Describes Fruitfulness

### Light shows what’s there

### Light shows what’s to come

# God is looking to you to use the light

## To accept Him as creator

## To accept His purposes and His plans

## To accept His Spirit into your life

## To light your way to His eternal kingdom beyond the grave

# Homegroup/Private study questions

# Darkness and light

## In what ways do people refer to darkness and light?

### In science, in conversation, in good and evil, in understanding, in perception?

## In what ways is it helpful to use this to describe Christian conversion?

## How is darkness and light used by people when considering the future?

## How is darkness and light used by people when considering death and dying?

### How can Christians join that conversation helpfully?

# God as creator

## To what extent is it important to you to believe that God is the creator?

### In what sense is God your creator?

## In what ways is it useful to think of God creating ‘everything out of nothing’?

## In what ways is it helpful to think of God creating ‘out of love’?

## Some atheist scientists have used their science to promote their beliefs.

### What questions can we ask that will challenge their assumptions without confronting their science?

### If what ways is it helpful to say that science answers the ‘How’ question (How did God create) but theology answers the ‘Why’?

# Answering questions

## When a child asks the parents ‘why am I here?’ which answer are they looking for, How or Why?

### Which answer will be more satisfying to the soul?

## When an employee starts work and asks ‘why am I here?’ what do they need to hear?

## When a Christian asks ‘why did God save me?’ what are they needing to hear?