

JESUS, YOU, AND THE FIGHT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

QUESTIONS

1. What idea, illustration, application, or Scripture most spoke to you in this week's message?
2. In the United States, open and legalized slavery created generations of hurt and destruction among families. Today, many of us experience situations where we are slaves to habits that are hurtful and destructive to ourselves and others. Where do you need the help of Jesus to make you free from a life where you're in bondage?
3. Read Luke 6:31. Consider a time when you have seen (or experienced) someone treat another person like Jesus tells us we should treat others. How did that impact you?
4. Frederick Douglass once said, "Between the Christianity of this land and the Christianity of Christ, I recognize the widest possible difference." How should you deal with Christians whose words and actions don't necessarily align with the beliefs they claim to possess?
5. Like open and legal slavery, which existed for thousands of years without being successfully challenged, what's one continuing issue of injustice today that God has addressed through His Word? How do you see Christians changing society on this issue to better reflect God's heart?
6. John 1:4-5 says that Jesus's life "brought light to everyone. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it." What's one area of "darkness" in our world where you want Jesus to shine His light and bring new life?

If you are reading the book *Jesus Skeptic* and want to go a little deeper, you can access the full study guide [here](#).

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

John 8:12, Luke 4:16-18,21 Luke 6:31, Matthew 22:39, Philemon 1:16, I Timothy 1:19-11, John 1:4-5,9-10

TAKEAWAYS

Jesus claims to be the only Light that can fully extinguish evil.

Historically where Christianity is present: Human rights improve (abolition of open and legalized slavery), women's rights increase, educational opportunities expand, populations experience higher literacy rates, improved health and human services become available, and democracy in government is promoted.

WEEKLY ACTION STEP

Pray over one area of darkness in your life that needs the light of Jesus.