12-14-25 Discussion Questions

How does understanding that 'blessing doesn't always mean everything's going your way' change your perspective on difficult seasons in your life?

In what ways do you experience darkness in your own life, and how might God be calling you to recognize His presence even in those dark places?

The sermon emphasizes that Jesus experienced loss, suffering, and rejection to relate with us—how does this reality of Christ's humanity affect your relationship with Him?

What does it mean practically to 'put aside the deeds of darkness' while living in a world that constantly tempts us toward sin?

How can we shift from viewing God's commands as restrictions to seeing them as keys to His wisdom for our flourishing?

The pastor suggests that the closer we get to the light of Christ, the more we see our own sin—how have you experienced this in your spiritual journey?

What would change in your daily life if you truly believed and lived as though you are blessed no matter your circumstances?

How does the image of one candle lighting another illustrate the way we're called to share Christ, and who in your life needs you to share your light with them?

Why do you think Jesus chose to be born in darkness and die in darkness, and what does this reveal about God's redemptive character?

The sermon challenges whether we truly know Jesus beyond just believing facts about Him—what evidence in your life demonstrates that you are running the race He has marked out for you?