

## **SERMON QUESTIONS**

1. Pastor Dave describes two events at which most secular people might be frightened to be present: a dying woman's bedside and involvement with people with special needs. Yet, Pastor Dave and Chapel volunteers at Night to Shine described their experiences consistent with 1 John 1:7. Think of the words used by them: radiant, glow of joy, honored. What elements from Pastor Dave's message were present in both events to make them joyful? Have you personally experienced this? What words would you use to describe it?

Many of us can share experiences contrasting wakes and funerals of believers with non-believers. Similarly, we may experience non-believers negative reactions to people with special needs. Share any experiences if you have observed such behaviors. How did you or should you have responded?

2. Discuss how Pastor Dave's message and the legal evidence for Jesus and the Gospel can be a powerful tool in sharing your faith in the future. As the message asks, "Why does belief in Jesus make so much sense?"

3. The word believe is used six times in this passage. Discuss reasons for this repetition. What are the two results of a true belief in Christ? How would you now respond to a non-believer's belief that the rules and restrictions of Christianity lead to a burdensome life?

Pastor Dave shared an Allegory of Faith about Hang Gliding. He talked about how it is easy to have faith in the safety of a church pew. Share with your group how you have or have not taken a leap of faith. What keeps you from doing so? Is it a lack of belief?