

**Signs  
God is Calling You  
Out of Darkness  
and Into His Light**

## **Bible Study Thought-Provoking Questions**

The purpose of the questions is to facilitate a deeper understanding of the Bible, this Bible study topic and ourselves. The questions may be answered by each reader, or used by a Bible study group leader or church pastor. The following questions should be answered or discussed after reading “Signs God is Calling You Out of Darkness and Into His Light.”

All questions are designed to enhance learning via the determination of opinions and/or discovering how the lesson content illuminates our personal lives. As such, no answers are provided.

### **Questions**

Look back in time, before you knew Jesus, and ask yourself the following questions.

- Did the Holy Spirit “goad” you? If yes, how?
- What caused you to turn towards Him?

Where did Paul receive the power to speak the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the multitudes?

- Was it because of his intellectual capacities?
- Or, was it because the Holy Spirit was working through him? Explain.

Paul was a religious terrorist who was guilty of Christian enslavement and murder. What does Paul’s conversion reveal about God’s grace? Explain.

If you were asked by Jesus Christ to goad Paul prior to his conversion, how would you goad him?

Why would a person claim to be a Christian, but continue to live in darkness and sin?

- How do you think non-Christians respond to this person’s claim?
- How do you think Christians respond to this person’s claim?

Complete the exercise on the next page.

Review each of the various internal and external influencers used by the Holy Spirit to call us from darkness to light. Select (v) each one that is relevant to you. Explain and/or discuss if you are in a Christian group setting.

<b>You may have a different “internal” perspective.</b>	
• You become more aware of what’s on the “inside” as you realize:	
○ There is an unfulfilled emptiness within your soul.	
○ The uselessness of your vain goals and behavior.	
○ When you sin you don’t feel the same way, or you feel bad on the inside.	
○ You have a growing:	
▪ Disdain for sin.	
▪ Desire for something better.	
○ You have an indescribable awareness God is calling you to repent and turn towards Him.	
<b>You may have a different “external” perspective.</b>	
• How you see your life begins to change, as you realize:	
○ You have been on a path that is headed towards destruction, or...	
○ You may have reached the “bottom” and have nowhere else to turn.	
• How you see others begins to change, as you become more aware of:	
○ The collateral damage you have caused others.	
○ The sinful influence some persons have upon you.	
○ Some you associate with are confused, lost and unaware of their condition.	
• You begin to see Satan’s deceptional lies in television, movies, Internet, and so forth.	
• You begin to realize:	
○ The darkened condition of the world.	
○ We are at the “threshold” of the last days.	
<b>You may have a different perspective of eternity, God and the Bible.</b>	
• You have a growing concern that if you die you may not go to Heaven.	
• You have increasing awareness you are trying to avoid God by holding onto lies and darkness.	
• There is a growing urge to know more about God.	
• When you read or hear scripture from the Bible:	
○ It speaks to your heart.	
○ You know it is absolute truth.	
<b>Past and present events may have a greater influence.</b>	
• That which you have repressed comes to the forefront of your thoughts, such as:	
○ Words spoken to you by Christians.	
○ Scripture you have heard.	
○ Feelings of overwhelming remorse for what you have done.	
• You may hear God’s voice speak to you.	
• You may encounter a Christian who provides counsel that speaks to your heart.	
• God may “close the doors around you” and open only one that leads to Him.	
• You may experience visions and dreams.	

- ① How do farmers use a goad? What is the underlying motivator? What is the purpose?
- ① Are the above influencers spiritual “goads?” Are some painful? Explain.
- ① How and why does someone kick against the goads?
- ① Did you learn anything new from this lesson? Explain?