

XII. ECLIPSE

DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR SESSION 12



And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4.3-6 (NRSV)

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1. What are some of the broad characteristics of the more “authentic, original and accurate” Christianity that Borg and Crossan have been highlighting in *Eclipsing Empire*? (see Participant Reader)
 2. Describe the two primary focal points of the Christian life suggested by Borg.
 3. Why is adult theological re-education such a major need in the church?
 4. Why is the context of Jewish covenantal theology so critical in understanding the message of Jesus and Paul?
 5. Borg makes several recommendations of starting points in re-educating adults about the Bible. List and discuss.
 6. Explain why it is important to think systemically regarding justice issues. Give examples.
 7. What is our task as Christians who are citizens of empire?
 8. Where do you see this information influencing your spirituality? The church? The world?