

05 Fellowship in the Light

PUPPETS: Arpee & Smukey, people from different areas, languages and churches.

PROPS: Light on above puppet theatre

GOAL: To show that being in the light helps us get along with others and enjoy fellowship with them.

Key Texts 1 John 1:5-7 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. [6] If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. [7] But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

1 John 2:9-11 Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in the darkness. [10] Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble. [11] But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness; he does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded him.

Smukey: Guten morgen, Arpee. I saw your light on and wondered why you were up so early.

Arpee: And you came to the light to see what was happening?

Smukey: Yes, (*chuckles*) just like moths to light – your light attracted me.

Arpee: Well I thought it would be good to have a time of fellowship and prayer together.

Smukey: What's fellowship?

Arpee: Well, it's when we share together what God has been doing in our lives and encourage one another – we talk about what a great God we have and we also pray about problems that we face as well as thanking God for the answers to those problems.

Smukey: Boy.. I could use some fellowship then. God has been helping me this week with lots of the problems I had but you have been a great friend too, Arpee. You have helped me so much. Oh look, here come some more friends!

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Group of ladies *All wave and greet in own language*

Arpee: I am so happy to see everybody here.

Smukey: I can't believe this. How come all of you get along together. I thought you were all from different countries and races and you all speak different languages. Don't tell me that you are all from different churches too?

Arpee: Of course we are, but we are all one in Christ. We can fellowship together because Jesus has saved us all by His blood.

Smukey: You mean you actually like one another?

Arpee: Too right. Jesus said that this is the way people will know that we follow Him – when we have love for one another?

Smukey: Well, this is almost too good to be true. You know last week, I don't think I even liked you - Arpee that alone all these new friends I have found. I wonder what made the difference?

Arpee: So why didn't you like me?

Smukey: Aw, I dunno... Just felt like hiding whenever I saw you as I kind of felt guilty for some reason. I guess even though you didn't say anything bad about me, I just didn't like the light, did I?

Arpee: *(Chuckles)* Like covering up with a towel...

Smukey: Yeah, how could I have been so dumb!

Arpee: Well the main thing is that now you enjoy the light too. And what's great is that with the light comes the fellowship that we enjoy with one another. Isn't that right everybody? *(Looks to audience)*

Smukey: Just to think that I have this many friends - in so many different countries, speaking different languages and in different churches...

Arpee: Yes, but all fellowshiping and working together because we love the Lord.

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Smukey: You know... I've been reading the Bible this week and found something that John wrote in one of his letters that reminded me of where I used to be. He said: ..whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness; he does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded him.

Arpee: That's very true Smukey. But he also has a great promise in the same letter. He says: if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

Smukey: You mean all those wrong things that I used to do are washed clean?

Arpee: That's right and what's even more John talks about the fact that we can have fellowship with God too.

Smukey: You mean talking and become a friend of God – hanging out with Him?

Arpee: You bet! Walking in the light means to always have God with us – we are best buddies and share everything with Him

Smukey: Oh boy, oh, boy. The light is getting brighter every day! I wish I could just stay with all of you all the time. I think it will be a bit harder to remember some of this next week.

Arpee: Well, that's where fellowshiping with God comes in. You can always spend time with Him and He has promised to help us and answer our prayers. And I think that we need to spend some time fellowshiping with Him right now.

Smukey: Okay.

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