

Rockford Reformed Church
Luke 3:23-38, 1 Cor. 15:45-49 - "I Dreamed a Dream"
4/8/18 – Pastor Tim Meendering

Questions for family/small group discussions:

1. When you read 1 Cor. 15:45-49, what does it mean for you and your life when you consider the transition described in vs. 45?
2. Read Isaiah 9:2-3, Luke 1:76-79, Luke 4:18 and John 10:10. What do these texts say about what Jesus has come to do? When you think about coming out of the darkness and recovering sight, what are you able to see in new ways after trusting in Jesus?
3. When you consider these texts noted above and the allegory of Plato's cave, what are some ways that you may be settling for a mundane life with chains and shadows?

Adam was the first son of God who led us down into the cave of shadows and _____.

Jesus is the second son of God who offers _____ for all and leads us up and into the _____ of his kingdom.

4. We said that the Christian life is a lifelong journey of struggle, wandering, repentance, and turning. What is the key for making it to the finish line of this journey (Rom. 1:16)? What do you need to see and absorb into your heart and mind every day?

Gospel Truth through Les Miserables:

5. What does Jer. 31:3 tell you about the way that God works to change the cold, hard hearts of his rebellious people? How do you often relate to those who are extremely difficult in your life and why?
6. Every day, through the gospel, God pushes us out into life and ministry with the same words that he used for his Son: "You are my beloved son/daughter; with you I am well pleased" (Lk. 3:22). Do these words reverberate through your mind every day? How do these words make a difference for us?

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