



Be The Light

December 30-January 6

CCV Groups Discussion Guide

OPENING QUESTION:

Around this time, do you spend more time reflecting on the past year or looking ahead to the new year? Why?

GROUPS [VIDEO GUIDE](#)

READ:

- [John 1:1-18](#)

DISCUSS:

- Reflect on a moment from the past year when you have experienced 'darkness' in your life. How did the light of Jesus help you overcome that period, and how might you bring that light to others in 2024?
- What does it mean for Jesus to be described as the light of the world?
- What are some of the challenges or 'darkness' that we face in today's world, and how can we overcome them by being the light of Jesus?
- Is there an area of your life where you have been hiding the light of Jesus that you want to let shine in 2024?
- Discuss how a Christian community can act as a beacon of Jesus's light in its local area. What initiatives or actions can we take to spread this light in 2024?

PRAYER:

Ask the group to lay out the challenges they expect to face in 2024. Pray through those by name.

SCRIPTURES:

Genesis 1:3, "And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light." (See also Gen 1:4, 5, 14, 16, 18)

Isaiah 45:7, “I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the LORD, do all these things.”

Daniel 2:22, “He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with him.”

1 Corinthians 4:5, “Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait until the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of the heart. At that time each will receive their praise from God.”

Isaiah 9:2, “The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.”

Matthew 4:16, “The people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.”

John 1:5, “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”

John 3:19, “This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.”

John 8:12, “When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.’”

John 12:35, “Then Jesus told them, ‘You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. Whoever walks in the dark does not know where they are going.’”

Matthew 5:14–16, “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Acts 26:18, “To open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.”