



LIGHTS

Scripture: John 1:4-5, John 8:12, John 12:35-36, 46 (more on page 2)

Sermon Points:

1. Light wins.
2. Light illuminates.
3. Light leads.

Group Opener:

Rate your Christmas lights on a scale of 0 (I don't do Christmas lights) to 10 (Clark Griswold).

Discussion Questions:

1. The message teaches us that Jesus presents Himself as light. When Jesus compares Himself to light what is the first connection that your brain makes?
2. John's gospel uses light in a number of places. Read these verses together and talk through any patterns OR contrasts you see in how light is used.
 - a. John 1:4-9
 - b. John 3:18-21
 - c. John 8:12
 - d. John 9:1-5
3. John 12:35-36 provides a landing idea that the New Testament calls us light. It does not ask us to be a light; it asserts that we are light. Is that a challenge to you, or is it encouraging?
4. The last story of the message was about driving through a snow storm. Tim shared how he got to his Christmas destination by following the lights of a truck down the highway.
In the same way there are people who are following the light of Jesus that shines in your life. Who are you inviting to Christmas eve services?

LEADER NOTE: Have you opened the Dec Small Group Leaders Update? You can find the Hill Country 'Tis the Season – Carols of Christmas Album on Apple Music or Spotify (or links in the Leader Update email)

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Revelation 22 – *3 No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. 4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.*