

Small Groups

Conversation Guide – Let the Light In

This week, Pastor Mark Pettus shared a message focusing on the power and promise of Jesus' light in the Christmas season. John 1:5 says, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." Jesus' light is shining even in the darkness. Light is essential to life, and it points us back to God. God spoke light into existence. Genesis 1:3 says, "And God said, 'let there be light,' and there was light." No matter what darkness you are facing right now, what it feels like, or how long you feel you have been there, the darkness has to flee when He comes in. Jesus is the true light who brings strength, healing, guidance, truth, and salvation. By recognizing, receiving, and rejoicing in Jesus' light, we can experience the hope and transformation that comes from inviting Jesus in. Jesus' light not only brings us comfort but also leads to the fullness of life that Jesus has to offer. Pastor Mark encouraged us to reflect and ask ourselves, "What are the areas of my life that I need to let in His light?"

Make It Practical

1. **Recognize His light.** We can be all around the light of God and still live in darkness. 2 Corinthians 4:4 reminds us, "the god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God." We have an enemy who will do everything in his power to keep us from the light. We can let Jesus' light in. All it takes is an invitation.
2. **Receive His light.** The light is there to illuminate and show the most incredible truth—you are a child of God. John 10:10 says, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." God has an agenda of a good father. He wants to give you the fullness of life in all areas.
3. **Rejoice in His light.** It is one thing to hear about light, but it's another thing to experience it. The Bible says, "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). It's time for us to experience Jesus and all His attributes radiating from Him.

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John 1:5 NIV

Talk About It

1. What are the areas of your life that you need to let in Jesus' light?
2. How does the metaphor of light in John 1:1-5 help you understand Jesus' role in your life?
3. Pastor Mark encourages us to let in the light by "recognizing, receiving, and rejoicing" in Jesus' light. What does this look like in your day-to-day life?

The promise of Christmas 2024 is Jesus' light shining in the darkness.

Prayer

God, thank You for being the light that shines in the darkness, bringing hope, healing, and salvation. Thank you for the gift of Jesus, the true light of the world. We are grateful that in every season, Your light is available to us to experience the fullness of life. Today, we open our hearts and invite you to come into our lives with Your light. It's in Your name we pray. Amen!

Tips

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