



1. LIGHT THAT BRINGS LIFE

Sermon Notes

Text: John 1:1-13

Intro:

Advent = "Coming" or "Arrival"

John 1:1-13

John makes a connection to Genesis 1:1-3 - Jesus is the word through whom God creates light & life.

1. The source of Life

The Sun gives energy and life to the entire planet. But life and light existed in God before the sun was created.

Life is not dependent on a created thing. It is dependent only on God.

Revelation 22:5

2. The gift of light

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Light is something we receive; not something we go get - God gives life as a gift; it's not something we go get.

John 3:16, Colossians 2:13, 1 John 5:11-12

The pre-requisite for the gift of life is that you have to admit that you need it.

3. The way of light

John 8:12

Jesus is calling us on a journey, for which he will light the way.

Conclusion:

Acknowledge that Jesus is the source of light, then humbly receive the gift of light, and commit to follow the way of the light.

Life Group Discussion

Warm up:

1. What's the worst Christmas present you've ever received? How did it make you feel?
2. What stood out to you about Sunday's sermon? What was interesting? Confusing? Weird? Thought provoking?

Study & Discussion:

1. Advent is a season of preparations. What preparations do you need to make to get ready to celebrate Christmas? Are lights a part of your Christmas celebrations? Why?
2. Read John 1:1-13. What do you notice about this passage? John doesn't tell the traditional Christmas story like Matthew or Luke. Why do you think he uses this approach instead? What does it tell us that the birth narrative can't?
3. Read 1 John 1:5-7. John makes a clear statement about God's nature: "God is light." What does that mean to you? How do you "walk in the light"?
4. Read John 3:16, Colossians 2:13 & 1 John 5:11-12. What do these verses say about life and death? What's the difference between physical death and spiritual death? How do you know if you're spiritually dead? How do you know if you're spiritually alive? Can you tell if someone else is spiritually dead or alive?

Application:

1. Acknowledge that Jesus is the source of light, then humbly receive the gift of light, and commit to follow the way of the light.

Prayer:

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