



LIFEGROUPS

Series: *Light*
Message: *Night Light*

Scripture: *John 1:1-5*

Date: December 22 & 23, 2018

—[LET'S START]—

Do you remember a time that you were afraid of the dark? Was there something that made you afraid as a child? What helped you overcome your fear?

—[LET'S TALK]—

1. **GRATITUDE:** What happened last week for which you are thankful?
2. **PRAYER:** What challenges do you see in your life? Your family? The World? As a group, take some time to pray. Thank God for the beautiful ways that He has been at work, and pray about the challenges that those in your group are currently facing.
3. Read John 1:1-5 together as a group. What does this passage teach us about God?
4. What does this passage teach us about people?
5. In his sermon, Pastor Dale talked about the fact that this passage gives us a behind the scenes look at God's personal life. Read John 1:18 and John 10:31. What do these passages teach us about the intimacy of the relationship between the Father and the Son?
6. Read John 17:20-24. What do you think it would look like if the church truly lived out the desires for His church that Jesus expresses in this prayer? How have you seen God's church act this way? What do you think contributes to the church falling short of this way of living?
7. In his sermon, Pastor Dale had a spotlight that shone on him. He then reflected the light onto someone else. What was the point of that illustration?
8. The perfect love that was experienced in the relationship between the Father, Son and Spirit should teach us something about the cost that Jesus paid when He went to the cross on our behalf. How can John 1:1-5 help us to gain a deeper appreciation for the death, burial and resurrection of Christ?

—[LET'S ACT]—

It is Christmas week. This is a week to celebrate the coming of Jesus into the world. Christ came as a baby who was born in the shadow of the cross. All throughout this season we have celebrated the Light who came to bring light to the darkness. This week, share one way that you can be a reflection of Christ's light. As a group, commit to hold each other accountable to live as lights.

Close by reading Matthew 5:13-16 together as a group, out loud.

13 "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

14 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

—[SERMON REVIEW]—

- The greatest mystery in the universe is God and on this final Christmas weekend we are going to look at how He reveals His inner life to us.
- Logos means the logic or reason behind the universes. In English it's translated "the Word."
- One of Christianity's major doctrines is that God is multi-personal. In John 1:1-5 and in other passages of Scripture we learn that God is One essence but has three distinct personalities, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- Jesus said that the Father and He are one.
- Remarking on the relationship between Father and Son that Jesus prays about in John 17, Tim Keller says that, "They had and have the same loves, goals, values, perfect communication, unbelievable understanding, inner penetration of consciousness, and love and affection."
- Too often we settle for adequate in our relationship with God, when there is so much more that we could have.
- God wants us to enjoy His presence in and around us in community too. The church should reflect Christ as we allow Him to live through us.
- Christ died our death so that we could live his life. That is love! That is why Christ came to earth.

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