


Discussion Guide

Series: Advent: Light of the World, Wk4: Love

December 21, 2025

Big Idea

 God loves the world and thus sent Jesus as the Light so that anyone who chooses to live by God's truth can step out of darkness & ignorance to find freedom in the Light.

Icebreaker

Is there a Christmas movie, cartoon, or tradition that works to get you into the "Christmas spirit"?

Discussion Questions

1. "Ignorance is bliss" can feel appealing at times. Where do you see that temptation in your own life—spiritually, emotionally, or relationally? Why do you think ignorance can sometimes feel safer than truth? How, spiritually, can remaining in ignorance be damaging or dangerous?
2. Read John 3:16-18. Fill in the following blanks: *God I _____ the world so much He s_____ His Son to s_____ it.* What does it take on our behalf to receive this act of love from God? How does the truth that God's love is not something we earn or lose challenge the way you tend to think about God's approval, mercy, or disappointment with you? Why is the simplicity of the way we are saved often-times seen & approached as still so challenging?
3. People reject the Light of Christ for different reasons. Read John 3:19-20 and identify from it some reasons why people do so.
4. Which do you find easier to relate to: loving darkness because you want to keep doing something, or avoiding the light out of fear, shame, or exposure? Why?
5. Read John 3:21. From this passage, how does one come into the Light of Christ?
6. What does "*living by the truth*" look like in everyday life? What practical steps help you move from shadows into light?
7. If in a group setting have different members look up one of the following verses and have them read it to the group. After each is read give a minute for people to comment regarding any thoughts or feelings they have on each verse as it relates to God's love for them. If doing this guide alone then look all the verses up yourself and do the same! Here is the list: Psalm 147:11, Psalm 149:4, Micah 7:18, Zephaniah 3:17, Psalm 94:14, Jeremiah 31:3.

Concluding Question

Communion can be described as taking a step from darkness into light. And it is one taken together, as the Church. Isn't that BEAUTIFUL! Anyway, how does knowing that the light is a shared space—one filled with other "brave, messy, lovely people"—change the way you view confession, repentance, and belonging in the church?

Prayer

Pray for all of our Campuses Christmas Eve Services...that those sensing a call to attend...would. Pray, also, that all would be edified and encouraged through their attendance.