



Christmas at West Side Discussion & Reflection Guide

Questions and Prompts

- **What stood out to you from the Christmas service?** How did you sense God at work in you through the songs, the story video, the message, and being together with others as part of the church? (The message's main points and scripture are listed below if it helps you think back.)
- “Whatever your pain, whatever your challenge, whatever your disappointment – whatever darkness is pressing in on you – it cannot extinguish the Light of Jesus.” **Where do you most need the light of Jesus to shine this Christmas?**
- “The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine.” Isaiah 9:2 **Write out this verse and put it somewhere you will see it regularly.**
- Pray this prayer: **“Jesus, if you are the Light, shine your light on me.”** If you’re willing, pray it every day for the next week or month. Pay attention to how God responds.
- Eddie encouraged us to “allow the Light of the World to shine through your story.” **Take a moment to think about a simple way that you can uniquely let God’s light shine through you.**
- **Is there anything else from the message you want to explore more deeply this week?**

We hope you’ll use this guide to take the teaching from Sunday’s service and reflect on it with a few friends or with a group. If you have questions or want to talk more about how to take your next spiritual step, contact us at info@wschurch.org.

Message Main Points & Scripture

- **We are all drawn to light.**
- **The Bible describes darkness as life apart from God.**
- **We were all born with some darkness.**
- James 1:14 – “Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away.”
- **darkness is progressive**
- Ephesians 4:18 – “Their minds are full of darkness; they wander far from the life God gives because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against him.”
- John 1:5 – “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it. God sent a man, John the Baptist, to tell about the light so that everyone might believe because of his testimony. John himself was not the light; he was simply a witness to tell about the light. The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.”
- Isaiah 9:2 - “The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine.”
- John 8:12 - “I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.”
- John 1:5 – “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.”
- **Anxiety cannot extinguish the Light.**
- John 14:27 - “I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid.”
- **Put down your worries and pick up God's promises.**
- **Shame cannot extinguish the Light.**
- **Sickness cannot extinguish the Light.**
- 2 Corinthians 4:16 – “Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day.”
- **Death will not extinguish the Light.**
- **Step into the light – trust Jesus.**
- **“Jesus, if you are the Light, shine your light on me.”**
- **Walk in the light – follow Jesus.**
- **Reflect the light - share Jesus.**