



"A Great Light"
Southern Lakes Church
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1. Do you decorate your house or apartment with Christmas Lights? Why or why not?
2. READ Matthew 4:12-17 and Isaiah 9:1-2,6-7. What was the context of this prophecy and how did Matthew apply it to Jesus?
3. READ Isaiah 7:14. What does "Immanuel" mean and how does the entire Old Testament point to the promised Messiah?
4. Can we count on God's promises? What are some of God's promises that you count on frequently? How can we share Christ with others by sharing God's promises?
5. READ John 1:1-9. What are a few amazing things we learn in this passage and how should it help frame our understanding of Christmas and the Light of Christmas?
6. What do the metaphors of light and darkness represent in Scripture? READ John 8:12 – What did Jesus say that He was and what did He mean by this statement?
7. READ Genesis 1:1-4,16. Think about how amazing it is that Jesus, who was God, created all the world including the two great lights (Sun and Moon), and refers to Himself as "The Light of the World." Do you think the average person has any appreciation for how "light" factors into the Christmas story?
8. How many people go all-out to deck their house with Christmas Lights, but have no understanding of Jesus being the Light of Christmas? How can we leverage the true meaning of Christmas to share the good news of the gospel?
9. READ Matthew 27:45 and I Peter 2:9. What took place on the cross during those three hours of darkness and how does that give us Hope?
10. Why is hope especially needed and important at Christmastime? What are some ways we can help spread the message of hope around Christmas?
11. Spend some time praying for one another and giving God thanks for His indescribable gift.