

# ADVENT: LIGHT OUT OF DARKNESS

Luke 1.67-80

## THE PROBLEM OF DARKNESS

**What is the darkness?** Physical darkness brings about fear, anxiety, cold, confusion, insecurity, and loneliness. The darkness we deal with is spiritual blindness, sin, death, sickness, broken relationships, and anything else that robs us of love and life.

John 3.19 // Ephesians 5.8 // Matthew 4.16

## THE HOPE OF LIGHT

**What is the light?** Physical light brings us confidence, warmth, awareness, clarity, freedom, and the ability to enjoy everything in life. The light that comes to us to conquer darkness is not a physical object, but a Man, even God Himself as a Man, Jesus Christ.

John 1.5, 8.12 // Psalm 18.28 // 1 Peter 2.9, 10

**Good and Evil are not equal opposites.  
There is nothing that is the opposite of God,  
because there is no one like God.**

**No matter how out of control your life may seem,  
it never is truly out of control.**

## THE PEACE OF GOD

**You might never really know Jesus is all you need  
until He is all you have.**

-Larry Crabb

Ephesians 2.17 // John 16.33 // Romans 8.37 // Psalm 55.22

**There is no pit so deep, that Christ is not deeper still.**

-Corrie ten Boom



## NOTES:

### Other Suggested Resources:

**A sermon from Pastor John Piper on Christ coming into the world as triumphant light.**  
[www.desirinaaod.org/resource-library/sermons/triumphant-light](http://www.desirinaaod.org/resource-library/sermons/triumphant-light)

### Daily Devotionals:

**Monday:** Luke 1.67-80  
**Tuesday:** John 3.19 // Ephesians 5.8 // Matthew 4.16  
**Wednesday:** John 1.1-14, 8.12  
**Thursday:** Psalm 18.28 // 1 Peter 2.9, 10  
**Friday:** Ephesians 2.17 // John 16.33  
**Saturday:** Romans 8.37 // Psalm 55.22

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Come celebrate Christmas with us this Tuesday for either of our 2 family-style **Christmas Eve services, at 4 & 5:30pm.** Kids will stay in the sanctuary with the adults (childcare will be provided for 5 years & younger).

### BAPTISM & CELEBRATION - JANUARY 5TH

In 2 weeks, we will be having a **Baptism** after service as well as celebrating our **1 Year Anniversary** of being a church! Bring a picnic for you & your family, and celebrate with us in the grassy field. If you're interested or even considering being baptized, **Let Us Know Today** on your green Connection Card!

### NEW SERIES: ANCHORED TO THE GOSPEL!

Next Sunday, Pastor Jobey will start a miniseries called **Anchored to the Gospel: How to Stay Secured in the Grace and Love of God.** It's a perfect opportunity to invite friends and family!

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Currently, we have our junior high & high school students stay in service with us each week. We're excited to announce we will be launching our junior high ministry (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders) sometime after the new year!

### KIDS ON MISSION

Please log on to check out [www.lifemissionchurch.com](http://www.lifemissionchurch.com) and click "Kids" at the top to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart and his walk through of our curriculum.

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**Jesus + Nothing = Everything  
Reading Plan**

Chapter 12, pages 193-206

## SAVE.

Jesus was sent to save. We have been saved to be sent. We are sent into our community to share the Good News that Christ came to save us, and we hope to see many who find new life.

## EQUIP.

We want to equip those very people in the Word so that they can continue to grow as disciples of Christ. From our preschool to our adults, our passion is to see everyone equipped in the Gospel to live a life of freedom and joy.

## SEND.

Lastly, we then want to see those equipped people sent into their community and world. From schools and playgrounds, to families and work places, we want to see people who are spiritual leaders in their life, showing people the truth of Christ's Good News.

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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

This week, spend some time as a family reading through the story of Jesus' birth in **Luke Chapters 1 and 2**. Additionally, enjoy a bit of fun trivia.

See how many you get right! The answers can be found at  
**[www.lifemissionchurch.com](http://www.lifemissionchurch.com)**

- 1. Jesus' birthday is December 25th.**  
(Circle One) TRUE FALSE
- 2. The bible says Mary rode to Bethlehem on a donkey.**  
(Circle One) TRUE FALSE
- 3. The bible predicts Jesus' birth in Bethlehem.**  
(Circle One) TRUE FALSE
- 4. The wise men came to bring Jesus gifts at His birth.**  
(Circle One) TRUE FALSE
- 5. How many wise men were there? \_\_\_\_\_**
- 6. The bible says Jesus was born in a stable.**  
(Circle One) TRUE FALSE
- 7. What did the innkeeper say to Mary and Joseph? \_\_\_\_\_**
- 8. The wise men found Jesus in a**  
a) manger b) house c) cave d) Nativity Scene
- 9. Herod had all boys under age 2 killed to "take care of" this "King of the Jews."**  
(Circle One) TRUE FALSE
- 10. Santa Claus was a Christian.**  
(Circle One) TRUE FALSE
- 11. Giving gifts is a tradition because of**  
a) magi giving gifts b) St. Nick c) capitalism
- 12. "Xmas" is an anti-Jesus attempt to take "Christ" out of "Christmas."**  
(Circle One) TRUE FALSE
- 13. Christian tradition has Christmas Trees as symbols of eternal life.**  
(Circle One) TRUE FALSE