

## LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

Luke 1.67-80

### LIGHT IN A DARK WORLD

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

John 3.19 // Ephesians 5.8 // Matthew 4.16 // John 1.4, 5, 8.12  
Psalm 18.28 // 1 Peter 2.9, 10

**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.

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

### GOD’S DESIRE TO BE KNOWN

**Christ has put on our feelings along with our flesh.**  
-John Calvin

John 1.1-5

#### ***The Word...***

*The Word* refers to the eternal Son of God who was “in the beginning with God” and who himself is God. Just as our “words” are not so much “possessions” of ours or “creations” of ours, but are really manifestations of our essence, in a similar way, God’s *Word* is not something He possesses, but His Word is He Himself being manifest in the form of words and expression in order to reveal Himself.

#### ***...became...***

*Became* does not mean that He ceased to be God. In becoming man, He did not forsake His divine nature. It means that He became man by taking on human nature *in addition* to His divine nature.

#### ***...flesh.***

**Christ “was not now God *minus* some elements of his deity,  
but God *plus* all that he had made his own by taking manhood to himself.”**

-John Stott

### GOD’S DESIRE TO SAVE

**The Son of God became the cursed of God,  
So that the cursed of God could become sons of God.**

**Jesus was born so that He could die.  
From His youth, indeed even from His birth,  
the cross cast its shadow ahead of Him.  
His death was central to His mission.**

-John Stott

## NOTES:

### This Week’s Scripture to Memorize:

1 Timothy 1:15

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We’d love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you’ll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens’ ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Katie McGinty at [katie@lifemission.tv](mailto:katie@lifemission.tv)**

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders** stay in the service with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not “graduate the faith” when they graduate high school. Our **mid-week High School Ministry meets once a month** here at Classical Academy, in the Study Hall. Email **Casey Barnes at [casey@lifemission.tv](mailto:casey@lifemission.tv)** for info about meeting dates/times or questions about our student ministries.



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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **John 1.1-14**. What stands out to you in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday? \_\_\_\_\_

Christ came as light into a dark world to bring peace and salvation to those in darkness. How does Christ accomplish this? After discussing your thoughts, read **Matthew 5.14-16**. \_\_\_\_\_

### Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

Read **1 Peter 2.9, 10**. How does the truth from these, the Zechariah prophecy from **Luke, John 1.1-14**, and the sermon point you back to Christ? What particular truth can help keep you focused on the Gospel? \_\_\_\_\_

What is a real life and current situation you are in that this truth can be applied to, and how? \_\_\_\_\_

### Repent and Confess

What do you see in this truth that exposes a particular sin or behavior? For many of us, it may be that we are not *living as* the people God has called us to be in **1 Peter 2.9** and **Matthew 5.14-16**. \_\_\_\_\_

### Ask for Provision

In light of this truth and confession, what do you need to ask for from the Lord? What fruit of the Spirit are you needing? \_\_\_\_\_

### Your Life Mission

Before you close the group with prayer, what opportunities are coming up that you could use prayer for as it pertains to sharing your faith and being the "light of the world" and intentionally engaging with others with a Gospel focus and goal? \_\_\_\_\_

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Make sure to end your time of prayer **Yielding with Thanksgiving** for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



# LIFE MISSION

C H U R C H

MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,  
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.

## HOW WILL WE KNOW?

FINDING JESUS  
THROUGHOUT  
THE OLD TESTAMENT



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