



## A Worship Discussion Guide for Individuals, Groups & Families for the week of July 12, 2026

Read the Bible passage aloud in your group meeting. This is a worship discussion guide, and our reflections and applications are grounded in Scripture. You do not need to work through the whole guide. Decide which points would be most helpful for your meeting, and use them as a starting point for your time together.

### John 3:16-21 *Light Has Come*

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. <sup>20</sup>For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

- In every worship service, we read an Old Testament passage that is a companion to the New Testament sermon text. This week we read [Isaiah 9:2-7](#). **Isaiah sees a day coming when people stuck in the dark would find themselves in the light? In Isaiah’s vision, what is “the light”? What do the people now see in this God-given light?**
- This week, Pastor Steve Shelby preached from [John 3:16-21](#). **Light is a theme repeated often throughout Scripture. Name other places in the Bible that come to mind where “light” is referenced.**
- **What does Jesus mean by “darkness” and “light”? What marks someone who “loves the light”? Why is darkness so attractive to us?**
- **What promise does Jesus make for those who believe in Him? (18)**
- **Throughout John’s Gospel and letters, we read that Jesus is “light”. What does this mean with respect to His identity and ministry? Read through these verses for more insight.**

*I John 1:5-7. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.*

*John 1:4-9. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.*
- **What about the light of Christ is threatening to us? When does the light become attractive to us?**
- **Think of a time when Jesus delivered you from darkness into His light (exposing sin, showing you your need of Him, guiding you when you didn’t know what to do). What was that like?**
- **Consider ways that you are tempted to walk in darkness (depending on yourself, hiding in shame, trusting in your ability to see clearly). Ask Jesus for grace to see your sin, confess it to Him, and repent. He has promised that He is leading you His light.**
- **Pray that hearts at WEPC will be made new.** Ask Him for faith to believe that He so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Do you need to become a Christian? Be renewed as a follower of Jesus? To change, believe, or to repent? Hint: The answer is “Yes” and you can ask Jesus to meet you right now!