

SERMON-BASED STUDY: A GREAT LIGHT

Isaiah 9:2-6, ESV – ² *The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.* ³ *You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.* ⁴ *For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.* ⁵ *For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.* ⁶ *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

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QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

- 1 In what ways can the prophesied joy in these verses be applied in our lives today?
- 2 What promises are found in this passage? Why are these promises so important?

3 What attributes of God do you see in this passage? What do each of them mean to you?

DIGGING DEEPER

A **John 14:25-27, ESV** – ²⁵ “These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

4 How does Jesus teach and help us to remember His teachings through the Holy Spirit?

5 How does Jesus’ peace differ from the peace the world offers?

B **John 1:1-5, ESV** – ¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

6 What does this passage reveal about the Word’s role in creation? How is this a display of his might and power?

C **1 John 5:11-13, ESV** – ¹¹ And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

7 What does it mean to *have the Son*? How does this testimony about Jesus affect the way you view your identity?

TAKING IT HOME

This week, we learned that each of these titles answer a form of darkness in the human heart. What are you doing with the light of Jesus? Which of these four titles has touched you the most? Spend some time in prayer, asking God what steps you need to take to allow His light to penetrate any darkness that may be in your heart.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

Isaiah 8:22
John 1:9, 14
Luke 2:10