Believe and Receive Jesus Christ the True Light.
John 1:9-13 (P. 1053 in the pew Bible)

1. The True Light, Jesus Christ, who made the world, has come into the world. Do you know Him?

John 1:9-10a *The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him,*
John 1:3-5 *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.*
John 8:12 *Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

2. His own people reject him.

John 1:10b-11 *...yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.*
John 3:19-20 *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. 20 For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.*
Romans 3:11 *... no one understands; no one seeks for God.*
Psalm 53:2-3 *God looks down from heaven on the children of man to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. They have all fallen away; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one.*

3. Some receive and believe in Him.

John 1: 12a, 13 *But to all who did <u>receive</u> him, who <u>believed</u> in his name… 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.*
John 5:43-44 *I have come in my Father's name, and you do not <u>receive</u> me. If another comes in his own name, you will <u>receive</u> him. 44 How can you <u>believe</u>, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?*
John 3:18 *Whoever <u>believes</u> in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has <u>not believed</u> in the name of the only Son of God.*
John 12:36 *"While you have the light, <u>believe</u> in the light, that you may become sons of light."*
John 6:35 *Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever <u>comes to me</u> shall not hunger, and whoever <u>believes</u> in me shall never thirst.*
Ephesians 2:4-*8 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even <u>when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved…</u> 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own <u>doing; it is the gift of God,</u>*

     a. What does it mean for you to "receive Him?"

     b. What does it mean for you to "believe in his name?"

     c. How does it happen?

4. Enjoy your legal rights and personal delights as "Children of God."

John 1:12b-13 *he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.*
Galatians 4:4-7 *But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.*
1 Peter 2:9 *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you <u>out of darkness</u> into <u>his marvelous light</u>.*
1 John 1:7 *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.*