

# into the dark

## INTO THE DARK.

Have you ever been in complete darkness? It's eery. Often dangerous. Your steps are unsure. Your heart rate expedited. Usually within moments of complete darkness, we find ourselves searching for a flashlight, cell phone, light switch, anything to see again.

But.

If you stay in the darkness long enough, you start to feel comfortable. Your eyes start to adjust. You think, perhaps you don't need the light after all.

Jesus came into the world to bring light - light we didn't even know we needed. He came to bring hope and life and peace.

He's also called *us* to be children of light. Through Jesus, we also get to speak and show hope, life and peace to the people around us.

Even in our own darkest times, He is light and we are His.

## IN THE BIBLE.

### **Matthew 5:14-16**

“You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

## **1 Thessalonians 5:4-11**

But you aren't in the dark about these things, dear brothers and sisters, and you won't be surprised when the day of the Lord comes like a thief. For you are all children of the light and of the day; we don't belong to darkness and night. So be on your guard, not asleep like the others. Stay alert and be clearheaded. Night is the time when people sleep and drinkers get drunk. But let us who live in the light be clearheaded, protected by the armor of faith and love, and wearing as our helmet the confidence of our salvation.

For God chose to save us through our Lord Jesus Christ, not to pour out his anger on us. Christ died for us so that, whether we are dead or alive when he returns, we can live with him forever. So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.

## **Colossians 1:13-14**

For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.

# QUESTIONS.

- 1.) How is Jesus the light in the darkness? What does it mean to you that you are the light of the world as well?
- 2.) Look at Matthew 5:14-16. What does this mean to you? What does it mean FOR you?
- 3.) How can you be a light, even when you don't feel the light?

**Whenever you read the Bible, ask yourself these three questions:**

1. What does this tell you about God?
2. What does this tell you about yourself and the world?
3. How is this going to change who you are and how you live?