



## Discussion Guide for “The Light of Christmas” *To Be Continued* Week 3

Who doesn't love Christmas lights? Light is one of the central images of the Christmas season, but sometimes we forget what the light points to: that the darkness of sin is coming to an end. That God is up to something new. That WE are called to be that light in the world! As we prepare for Christmas, what does it look like for us to shine the light of God's hope into the world?

### Scriptures for Further Reading

[Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11](#)

[Psalm 126](#)

[John 1:6-8, 19-28](#)

[1 Thessalonians 5:16-24](#)

### Passage for Meditation:

Christian meditation is intentional prayer that invites God to transform us as we are mindful of Scripture. If you have never done Christian meditation, here is a [guide from](#) our Catholic friends. This week's verse is: **The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon me, for the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted and to proclaim that captives will be released and prisoners will be freed. – Isaiah 61:1**

### Questions for Discussion

1. What's the best Christmas light display you've ever seen?
2. In John 1, John the Baptist claims that the one everyone is waiting for is already among them. Discuss how we can 'miss' Jesus in our midst.
3. What expectations do we have of Jesus during the holiday season? Reread Isaiah 61:1-4. How does this statement Jesus used to describe his mission compare to our expectations of Jesus?
4. Do you associate the prophet's mission in Isaiah 61 with our call at Christmas? Why or why not?
5. What does it look like for you to be light this Christmas season?