

SERMON: Light as Life
SERIES: Christmas Lights
SPEAKER: Pastor Brady

December 16, 2018

CONNECT (5-10 minutes): Help the members of the group grow in relationships with one another so all people in the group know they matter. Spend some time discovering what is happening in the lives of your group members. Share how God has been revealing himself in each other's lives.

REVIEW (15-20 minutes): Use this time to review the passage and the sermon outline (see below).

Note: this is a great opportunity to share leadership.

Use these simple questions to review the sermon/passage or for if you don't have much time:

1. What does this passage teach you about God? About us?
2. How does this passage point us to the gospel? How does it challenge you? Change you?

SCRIPTURE: Amos 5:18-24, John 1:1-5;14

SERMON OUTLINE:

I. Waiting in darkness

II. Christ our Light and Life

III. Waiting for the Light

GROW (45-60 minutes): Use this time to go deeper with your group. Use these questions to discuss the sermon/passage:

1. The season of Advent is by its nature full of darkness. This is because we do not have what we long for. Is there anything in your life that you have longed for that it feels like just won't happen? How can that longing be a shadow that points you to Christ?
2. In what way is Christ's life a light? How does it reveal God? How does it remove darkness?
3. Why is it so important to see that Christ IS our *zoe* life, not just someone who shows us how to live?
4. We are waiting for the return of Christ. Read Amos 5:18-24. Does this describe you? How does John (in contrast to Amos) offer us hope through the light of Jesus? Hint: Amos describes what we are doing. John describes us receiving Christ.
5. Christians are lights waiting in darkness until the Light returns. How does this big idea encourage you today? How might your life be different if you really believed this?

Pray: Praise God for his life through Jesus Christ. Confess and turn from the ways that you have pursued things other than Christ as your light and life. Ask God to give you opportunities to shine your light of Christ in the darkness.