

Advent: Sharing the Light W/C 6th Dec 2020

Light is a significant theme/symbol during Christmas and Advent. Spoken of by prophets long ago, glimpsed by shepherds out in the field by night, attracting Wise Men from the East, pointed to by John the Baptist, the light was made flesh in Christ – the one who continues to shine in the darkness, bringing light both to the world and to our path.

This week, we are considering John the Baptist and our shared calling to impart light to others through witnessing to Christ



Ice Breaker: *Share in a minute!*

Invite group members to take 1 minute to share something that they enjoy/are passionate about in 1 minute. Topics could include hobbies, holiday destinations, something they have seen on tv or a film.



UP: Spend some time in worship:

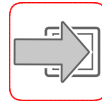
Listen to the carol, 'Go tell it on the mountain'. Alternatively, plan another act of worship that is appropriate to your group.



UP: Looking at God's word together: **Read: John 1:6-9; Mark 1:4-8; Matt. 5:14-16**

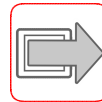
Discussion Questions

1. How did John compare himself to Jesus?
2. Which people/groups are you most aware of that bring light into the world? What do you admire about their work? Could you do more to support them, and what holds you back from doing so?
3. In what ways have people brought light into your life? What lessons can they teach us?
4. What are you doing to bring light to others? What *could* you do and what prevents you from doing so?
5. How do you think we can most effectively witness to Christ? What cuts most ice with people? What turns them off?
6. Which forms of witness have you personally found helpful and which have been counterproductive?



IN: Spend some time in prayer.

- Pray for the Christmas services, especially on the 13th, that many will hear the good news about Jesus.
- Pray for our missionary links, particularly Wit & Helen.
- Pray for those who are lonely at Christmas time.
- Pray for those families who are struggling with being separated at the moment.
- Pray for the leadership team as they seek wisdom in leading the church in the coming year.
- Pray that we all might grow to know Jesus more and gain a passion to make Him known to others.
- Pray for any personal needs within your own group.



OUT: What could we do, either individually or as a group, to bless someone else this week?

This series is based on the study material 'Lighten our path' by Nick Fawcett.