

# Sermon Discussion Guide

## *Week 1*

Christmas convinces us its about what happened, not what's happening.

*Lights*

FINDING THE BRIGHT HOPE OF CHRISTMAS

### Q: What's your 'behind the scenes' Christmas story?

- How does your family celebrate Christmas?
- What's hard about the season?
- What's great?

#### FOCUS VERSE

In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (John 1:4-5)



## BRING IT TO LIGHT

**Jesus seemed to think there was going to be darkness in our lives. And yet, we can often think that following Jesus means that difficulty ends.**

- What is the darkness you are stumbling in right now?
- What feels difficult?

## READ IT ALOUD

**"When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)**

- Have you asked Jesus to give you the light of his life?
- If so, how has that affected the darkness you have experienced?
- If not, what is keeping you from asking?

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Christmas tends to reveal  
problems we can't solve,  
people we can't control, and  
expectations we can't meet." -

Pastor Kyle

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## REFLECT + PRAY TOGETHER

### Reflect on Psalm 36:7-9

How precious is your steadfast love, O  
God!

The children of mankind take refuge in  
the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your  
house,  
and you give them drink from the river  
of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life;  
in your light do we see light.

### Pray over each other.

Ask God to make Psalm 36  
a reality in the specific  
places where you are  
stumbling in the dark or  
needing him to shine his  
light today.