



CONVERSATION STARTER

What are some Christmas traditions—big or small—that you and your family love to participate in each year?

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Read Isaiah 60

1. Isaiah describes both deep darkness and the coming of everlasting light. Where do you see these two realities overlapping in your own life right now? How do they shape the way you enter the Advent season?
2. The sermon highlighted that people often see the effects of sin (darkness) even if they don't acknowledge sin itself. What are common "symptoms of darkness" in our world that you believe people are spiritually blind to? How does Jesus help us truly see them?
3. Isaiah says, "The Lord will be your everlasting light." Why do you think Scripture repeatedly associates God's presence with light? What does light communicate about who God is?
4. Using Lewis' dwarf illustration, what forms of "blindness" do you think Christians today are most prone to—even while surrounded by God's light?
5. "The dwarfs are for the dwarfs" sums up self-centered living. What modern Christian attitudes or habits might reflect that same mindset? How does Advent invite us to reject that way of thinking?
6. Simeon declared that he had seen God's salvation, the light for all people. How does knowing that Jesus is the light of the world bring hope to your own daily struggles or challenges?"
7. What stood out to you the most in the sermon? What is your greatest takeaway?

8. Be a blessing. This week, identify one person or situation where darkness—fear, discouragement, loneliness, or conflict—is present. Intentionally bring a bit of Jesus' light into that space. This could be:
- Reaching out to encourage someone who's struggling.
 - Sharing a practical act of kindness or service
 - Inviting someone to experience God's hope through conversation, prayer, or Scripture

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PRAYER PROMPT

As a group, pray for those who are still living in darkness, that they would encounter the everlasting Light, who is Christ. Ask God to give you opportunities this Christmas season to reflect his light to those whose sin keeps them in darkness, as well as to those experiencing suffering, grief, or pain because of the brokenness in the world.