

Discussion Guide

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Light Has Entered The Room

Hope Has A Name: Week 3

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Main Idea

Christmas is the moment God chose nearness over distance. He didn't send a message—He sent Jesus. In Christ, God stepped into our world, our weakness, and our waiting, reminding us that He is not a distant God but a personal Savior. Because Jesus showed up, hope is no longer a theory—hope has a name. As we enter Christmas week, no matter what this year has held, our hope is anchored in one unshakable truth: Immanuel—God with us (Isaiah 7:14).

Achor Verse: *"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, NIV).*

Read: John 1:1-5

1. God Stepped Into The Middle Of The Darkness

Christmas reminds us that God did not fix a broken world from a distance—He stepped directly into its darkness. And because Jesus ran toward the dark, not away from it, fear, grief, and anxiety do not get the final word.

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2

Discussion: Where have you experienced darkness—fear, uncertainty, or disappointment—and what might it look like to trust that Jesus is stepping into that place with you rather than fixing it from a distance?

2. God Revealed Himself to the Overlooked

At Christmas, God chose to reveal Himself not to the powerful or impressive, but to shepherds—the overlooked and undervalued—showing that the gospel begins with those the world forgets. The message was clear from the start: Jesus was born for you, not just for the qualified or the confident.

Scripture: Luke 2:8-11

Discussion: When have you felt overlooked, unseen, or unqualified, and how does knowing that God chose to reveal Himself first to the shepherds reshape the way you see your value and your place in His story?

3. God Now Shines Through Us

Jesus is the Light of the world, and when He transforms us, He invites us to carry that light into dark places—not with perfection, but with faithful obedience. Even an acquisitive light makes a real difference, as God’s love shines through us to lead, inspire, go, help, and testify so others may see Him.

Scripture: Matthew 5:14-16

Discussion: Where has God placed you right now to be a light, and what would it look like this week to intentionally let His light shine through your words, actions, or presence in that space?

LIGHT Acronym

L – Lead others to Jesus

I – Inspire hope

G – Go where God sends

H – Help those in need

T – Testify of His faithfulness

SUMMARY

Christmas is the powerful reminder that God chose nearness over distance—stepping into our darkness, revealing Himself to the overlooked, and now shining His light through us. Because Jesus has come, hope is no longer distant or theoretical; it is personal, present, and alive in us, and even the smallest light can overcome the darkest room.

“God didn’t fix the darkness from a distance—He stepped into it.”

CALL TO ACTION

This week, don't just talk about the Light—**carry it**. Invite Jesus into your own dark places, receive His hope for yourself, and intentionally be His light to one person through a word, a prayer, or a simple act of love.

GROUP LEADER RESOURCE

Special Snowflakes

Participants receive a paper snowflake upon entering the room. Throughout the event, players write compliments on each other's snowflakes. At the end of the activity, participants get to take home a unique snowflake covered in positive affirmations from their peers.

Pro Tip: You can play this game virtually by giving players a digital snowflake in Canva.