

**Series:** Christmas at the Movies, a study of the good news of great joy that is for all the people.

**Sermon:** “Won’t you guide my sleigh tonight?” Jesus gives us a true light.

**Primary Texts:** John 1:9; 8:12; Matthew 5:16; 1 John 1:7

**Discussion guide:**

- What is your favorite Christmas tradition and why?
- Why do we light candles at Christmas Eve services?
- In this series we are discussing why the birth of Christ is “good news of great joy that will be for all the people.” (Luke 2:10-11). Revisit this question – why is Christ’s birth “good news of great joy” for you today?
- Read John 1:9 – this verse has been called John’s version of the Christmas story. How is this true?
  - What does this passage tell us about Jesus?
  - How is Jesus “the light”? (see John 8:12)
  - How is Jesus the *true* light?
  - Why is it significant that Jesus is the true light for *everyone*?
  - What does this mean to you?
  - Why is it good news of great joy for us now?
- Read 1 John 1:7 – what is the instruction and promise of this text? (see John 8:12 again)
  - How does one walk in the light?
  - What does it look like to walk in darkness?
    - What does darkness mean in these passages?
  - What happens when we walk in the light?
    - How does walking in the light bring fellowship with God’s people?
    - How does it bring the washing of Jesus’ blood?
- Read Matthew 5:14-16 – how does Jesus’ words here contrast with His words in John 8:12?
  - How are we to let our light shine?
  - What is the difference between *letting* our light shine and *making* it shine?
  - How do we let our light shine in such a way that people would “see our good works and give glory to God?”
  - How is doing this becoming a part of something bigger that makes a difference?