



FROM THE BIBLE

Isaiah 9:2 (NLT)

Colossians 1:15-16 (NLT)

Hebrews 13:8 (NLT)

Colossians 1:19-20 (NLT)

Colossians 1:16-17 (NLT)

MESSAGE TO CONVERSATION GUIDE

Week 2 | Turn On The Lights

1. In this message, Joel started out by showing a few scenes from some of his favorite Christmas movies. What are some of your favorite Christmas movies? Any favorite scenes from your top Christmas movies?
2. The last movie scene we watched was from *Christmas Vacation* when Clark Griswold's house lights up the entire neighborhood. Do you do outside Christmas lights & if so, how far do you take it?
3. Read Isaiah 9:2. Lights and Christmas go together...and Christmas lights can remind us what Christmas really is all about. How did Jesus' birth bring light into a dark world & how has Jesus' birth brought light in your dark moments?
4. Read Colossians 1:15-16. Spend some time discussing what you think it means that Jesus is the visible image of the invisible God.
5. Joel talked about pay phones, Members Only jackets, & the internet. His point was, things are constantly changing...except Jesus. Read Hebrews 13:8 & talk about the light & hope that we can have knowing that the Jesus we read about still has the same power to bring light & hope to our lives.
6. In this message, we said, *if you want to know what God is like, look at what Jesus was like*. What were some characteristics of Jesus? Does that reshape any of your perspectives of God?
7. There's some weird lines in the Christmas classic...*Santa Claus Is Coming To Town*. It says, *he's making a list...he's checking it twice...he's going to find out who's naughty or nice...he sees you when you're sleeping*. It makes Santa seem like he's out to get us. How does that view & song tie into our (incorrect) view of God?
8. Most people would say, *the way you get to heaven is, you got to be on "the nice list"*. Read Colossians 1:19-20. What does this conclude is the path to heaven?
9. Read Colossians 1:16-17. How does God's ability to *hold* things together give us peace when we feel like we can't?
10. How did this message remind you that Jesus can bring light to your darkness?