

## Christmas in Community "ANTICIPATION"

### A long dark night

#### *Two metaphors*

*"Darkness"*

*"Light"*

*1 John 1:5; 1 Timothy 6:14-16*

### Daybreak for humanity

*Isaiah 4:1-2; John 1:1-13  
Matthew 4:15-17; John 12:46*

### Midday sun

*John 3:16-20; 1 Peter 2:9-10  
Colossians 1:3; Ephesians 5:8*

### Light lived out

*1 John 2:3-11*

## Growth Group Questions

1. Share with your group your personal "take a ways" from the teaching on Sunday.

2. Share a season in your life when you lived in anticipation of an upcoming event.

3. What does darkness symbolize to you? Share a time in your life when you experienced darkness.

4. What does light symbolize to you?

7. How does Jesus coming into our world bring comfort and give you hope and courage? What are some practical ways that you want to reach out to others during this Christmas season to share the hope that you have because of Jesus?

5. Read the following scripture verses.

1 Peter 2:9,10

Psalms 27:1

John 9:5

John 8:12

Micah 7:8

1 John 1:5

Why do you think scripture describes God as light? What are some of the attributes of God that correlate with light?

8. Close your time together in prayer.

6. Advent is about anticipation and longing, yet we live in an impatient world that seeks to avoid delays. How do you seek to avoid waiting? What are some ways that you want to be intentional about slowing down during this Christmas season?

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Weekly Goal	\$22,195	Monthly Goal	\$95,500
Received Last Week	\$94,300	Received in Nov.	\$166,851

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