

THE KING HAS COME PT 2: FOLLOW THE LIGHT

According to modest estimates, there are about 100 billion observable stars. Each of them is powerful and potentially life-giving in its own right. And yet, for all of their power, might, heat, and light, the only thing comparable to a star's power is its converse...darkness. Darkness is cold and uninviting. Darkness can be dangerous. It is the absence of light. Can you imagine a powerful darkness that sucks out even the possibility of light? Can you imagine a powerful darkness that leaves people feeling hopeless and helpless? What if there was a way toward the light?

Big Idea: Following King Jesus Leads to the Light

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What emotions do you feel the strongest during the Christmas season? Why?
- 2. Talk about a time when you encountered darkness (physical or spiritual). How did you feel? How did you escape the darkness?
- 3. With your Bible or Bible App, read Isaiah 9:1-7
- 4. What is Isaiah saying about the darkness? What promises are found in this passage? How does this relate to hope and help?
- 5. During the message, Carlo mentioned how mental health issues are often compared to darkness. Why are people afraid to discuss their mental health issues in church or small groups?
- 6. How do these promises in **Isaiah 9** give hope and help to someone struggling with anxiety, depression, anger, or other mental health issues?
- 7. What images come to mind when you think about Jesus as a wonderful counselor, everlasting father, prince of peace, and might Gid?
- 8. How does following Jesus help us come out of the "dark"?
- 9. How will you help spread the help and hope of Christmas to those in your life this week? How can this group help you come out of the dark?