

## Christmas: Let There Be Light

Questions for further study and application:

Day 1 Read John 1:1-5. In the beginning, meaning before Christmas was Christmas, before Mary and Joseph, before Bethlehem and wise men, before shepherds and no room in the inn, Jesus existed. John is telling you in these verses that the baby in the manger is God with you. He always was with you and He is still with you. What you see as darkness in your life, Jesus just sees as an opportunity for light. Let Jesus be your light this holiday season.

## What's New?

Join us in the new year as we kick off our new series Do It Again. This series is focused on perseverance, endurance, and diligence. 2018 will be your year to Do It Again!

- Day 2 Read Genesis 1:1-3. In the beginning, God responded to darkness by creating light. Whatever darkness you may be experiencing this holiday season, give it to God so He can let His light shine on it. John 12:46 says, Jesus came into the world as light so no one who believes in Him should stay in darkness. God wants to bring the light of His son Jesus Christ into your darkness this Christmas. Today can be a new beginning for you because God can shine the light into whatever you are facing.
- Day 3 The shepherds, the wise men, the angel's visits to Joseph and Mary, the heavenly hosts in the sky, the star over the manger; all in the dark. There is a message there for you: sometimes you need the darkness in order to see the light. Read 2 Corinthians 4:6a (NIV). If you're in the dark today, if darkness has settled into your life and you feel disoriented, scared, confused, frustrated, disappointed, uncertain, or unsettled, God is drawn to your darkness. His light, the light of Jesus, can shine on your life because the light shines the brightest in the dark.
- Day 4 At creation God said, "Let there be light." He's saying the exact same thing this Christmas to you. Let there be light in your darkness. Let there be light in your life. Let there be light in your soul. Let there be, which means that you have a choice. You have a choice to let the light of Jesus shine. Choose today, choose Jesus, and choose His light to lead your way. Read Isaiah 60:20. Let Him get rid of the darkness with His presence.
- Day 5 God loves you so much He's listening to your heart. He's waiting to pour His light into your life like never before. Don't let the hustle and bustle of the holidays make you miss out on what it is all about. A baby, born in a manger over 2000 years ago, brought a light into the world that nothing can diminish. Darkness can't overtake it; nothing can stop it. Read John 8:12. Let Jesus' light shine brightly through you. Let His light illuminate the darkness. Fix your eyes upon Jesus, and you never have to be in darkness again.