



SERIES THEME: We are the light of the world because of the **Light** that lives in us.

"In the beginning" ...Somebody + Nothing = Everything

We believe in the Latin phrase '*Creatio ex nihilo*,' which means '*creation out of nothing*.'

Life = Light

Light = Victory

MESSAGE THEME: Before we can shine Jesus' light into the world, it first needs to shine in our hearts.

What steps do we take next?

- » **Acknowledge** the battle. (2 Corinthians 4:1-5)
- » **Assess** whose team we are on.
- » **Act.** Make a decision.

QUESTION TO THINK ABOUT: Is the light of Jesus shining in my heart?

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Blood Drive tomorrow at Noon, **50th Anniversary Celebration** on Sunday, Sept. 7 from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM, and **Men's Event** on Sunday, Sept. 14 at 6:00 PM.

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STUDY QUESTIONS

GETTING STARTED:

Share of time when you had a positive team experience. What made it so special? What comes to mind when you think about being on "God's team?"

A DEEPER DIVE:

Read John 1:1-5, 14; 2 Corinthians 4:1-9.

- Why did John start his gospel with "*In the beginning...*?" Why is Creation important when considering life's value and purpose? Why does Satan try to distort and discredit this view?
- Why did John call Jesus the Word instead of just "Jesus?" How did that relate culturally, and what answers were John providing?
- Think about the spiritual battle of light vs. darkness. In **2 Corinthians 4:4**, Paul said the "god of this age" blinds people. What are some ways you see that happening in our culture today? Where do you personally see this battle in your workplace, school, home, or community?
- Paul wrote in **2 Corinthians 4:6** that God puts His light inside our hearts. What does it mean to carry God's light with you every day?

THIS WEEK'S APPLICATION:

Reflect on the question we asked in the sermon. *Is the light of Jesus shining in my heart?*

If so, in what ways can it bring light to others?

If not, what action steps do I need to take to receive Jesus' light? (A more in-depth conversation? Baptism? Answers from Scripture?)