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## Bringing Light to the Darkness: Part Two

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 58:6-10, 60:1-3; Psalm 119:105

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

**MESSAGE THEME:** The Church was never meant to hide from darkness – it was meant to bring Light to it.

### What does our surrounding community need from this church?

- » **Prioritize** real faith connections.
- » **Notice** and touch each need.
- » **Speak** truth to real issues.
- » **Wrestle** with tough faith questions.
- » **Understand** that eternity breeds urgency.

### What can help me overcome obstacles to sharing my faith?

- » **Engage** with the Bible. (Psalm 119:105)
- » **Rely** on prayer.
- » **Monitor** your speech.
- » **Share** your story.

### QUESTION TO THINK ABOUT: Where will you shine your light?

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** on Sunday, Sept. 7 from 9:30 AM-12:30 PM

**Men's Event** on Sunday, Sept. 14 at 6:00 PM

**Habitat for Humanity Build** on Sept. 21 at 9:00 & 10:30 AM

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# STUDY QUESTIONS

## GETTING STARTED:

Do you remember playing games like flashlight tag as a kid? What made those games so fun or memorable for you? In flashlight tag, when the light shines on you, everything changes. How does that idea connect with what it feels like when the light of Jesus shines into our lives?

## A DEEPER DIVE:

**Read Isaiah 58:6-10.**

- What were God's people getting wrong about fasting and spiritual practices? According to these verses, what does God say He truly desires from His people?
- How does this shape the way you think about community engagement?
- How does this passage challenge the way we sometimes "go through the motions?"

**Read Isaiah 60:1-3.**

- What do you notice about the contrast between darkness and light in this passage? How does this point forward to Jesus?

**In the sermon, we suggested a few things that might hinder people from sharing their faith.**

- What are some hindrances you've noticed in your own life?
- What "safe zones" do Christians sometimes retreat to instead of shining light in the darkness? Where might you be tempted to hide your light?
- How does it make you feel that Jesus said, "You are the light of the world"? Why do you think he made it so personal for us?

## THIS WEEK'S APPLICATION:

When it comes to meeting needs—whether physical, emotional, or spiritual—where do you see opportunities around you right now? **What might it look like to respond and let your light shine?**