

# CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

REDISCOVERING HOPE IN A DARK WORLD

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## LIGHT GIVES DIRECTION

RESTING IN THE CONFIDENCE AND CLARITY OF CHRISTMAS

Pastor Cary Schmidt | Sunday, December 23, 2018

MATTHEW 2:1-12

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### 1. PRE-STAR—

Go back 600 years—DANIEL 9:24-26

*24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. 25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. 26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself...*



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## 2. ON-STAR \_\_\_\_\_

MATTHEW 2:1-9

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PSALM 32:8-9

*8 I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye. 9 Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.*

PSALM 25:4-5

*4 Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths. 5 Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.*

PSALM 143:10

*10 Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.*

PROVERBS 3:5-6

*5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.*

## 3. POST-STAR— \_\_\_\_\_

MATTHEW 2:10-12

*10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. 11 And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. 12 And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.*

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