

I am.

Exodus 3:14, 6

Light vs. darkness.

Genesis 1:3 1:4 | Romans 1:19-23

Light reveals.

John 1:4-5 | Ephesians 5:8-9 | Psalm 43:3

- What is in the darkness?
- Goodness.
- Beauty.

We become light.

Matthew 5:13-16 | 1 John 1:5-7

Light never ends.

Many of our Life Groups use this insert as a discussion guide throughout the week. If you're not in a Life Group, consider taking that Next Step and joining one today! www.seekreallife.com/groups

Share your story

Have you ever been afraid of the dark? Why or why not?

What was a situation where light was such a relief to you?

What was a situation where something being illuminated was not such a welcome relief?

Connect to God's story

Read John 8:12.

Who does Jesus say He is? Why do we need to know Jesus in this way?

We have a choice whether or not we walk in darkness or light. How does Jesus say we make that choice to walk in light? Where does His light lead?

What do the following passages teach us about God's light and its purpose in our life?

- Proverbs 4:18-19
- Psalm 119:105
- Psalm 119:130
- Matthew 5:14-16

Read John 1:1-5.

In this opening section of John's gospel, Jesus is referred to as the "Word". What are some things we learn about who Jesus is from this passage?

Who is His light for and how strong is it?

What does understanding Jesus in this way say to those who are hurting, seeking and/or oppressed? What good news do you find in this passage?

Read 1 John 1:5-10.

What is not in God? Why is this truth so important for us to believe?

What is darkness called?

What should we do when light is revealed in our darkness?

In what way this week is Jesus asking you to follow Him into his glorious light and life?

Spend a few moments thanking Jesus that you can receive his invitation to follow him into the light and that this invite is for EVERYBODY!

"I am the light of the world.

**If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness,
because you will have the light that leads to life."**

- John 8:12 (NLT)

My Prayer for 2018

Father, examine me closely, deeply, and thoroughly. I am opening every aspect of my life to you. I am holding nothing back. Open my eyes to you, open my mind to you, open my heart to you that I may know you more and continue to grow into my original design you created me to be.

I confess, I am open to your revealing and transforming work in my life.

I confess, I am open to be used by you as a divine instrument of love, grace and hope wherever your Spirit leads.

I confess, I am open to be blessed by you with every spiritual, emotional and physical blessing you desire to give.

In Jesus name,
Amen

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