

Post Tenebras, Lux
(After Darkness, Light)
John 1:1-18; Luke 1:26-55
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Have you ever been bathed in blinding light? What was the situation? How did this feel?

Dig In

1. The Light (John 1:1-18)

- We can't fully comprehend God but, through Scripture, he helps us understand his nature. Why might God use light as a representation of himself?
- The Scriptures refers to Jesus' followers as children of light. What does it mean for you to walk as a child of light and not as one who is lost in darkness? (Ephesians 5:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:5)
- Why does Satan try to impersonate light? Can you think of any misleading philosophies or strategies that promise to enlighten us but fail to lead people out of darkness into light? How do these things effect people's lives? (2 Corinthians 11:14)
- Can you remember when the "light came on" and you more fully recognized Jesus as the light and life of the world? Was there any sense of irony for you in finally seeing that Jesus was there all the time but you didn't really see him? What helped flip the switch and chase the darkness away? (John 1:10-13)

2. The Light Radiates Love (Luke 1:26-55)

- Who did you last say I love you to? How did you last demonstrate your love to that person? Do your regular actions toward that person match your words?
- Review Luke 1:26-55. How can we tell from the text that God loved Mary and that Mary loved God?
- Why is it so important that love be as obvious light in the darkness? How can you make your love for God and others more obvious this week?
- Why are temptations greater when we aren't sure of God's love for us? Does any of your behaviour indicate that you're not satisfied and secure in God's love?
- Have you ever felt like there was no one who really loved you for who you are? What are the signs that help us know a person feels unloved? How can a small group minister to someone feeling this way?

Break Out!

We need to bring more of our lives into the light. What is something that you want help bringing out of the darkness? How might Jesus light change this aspect of your life?

