



## BIG IDEA

*My hope is that all of us would walk towards the light and in the light of God's purity and Word, and salvation with one another. For this is one way that we know that we believe in the name of the Son of God and have eternal life.*

## THOUGHTS FROM THE SERMON

1. What stood out to you in this week's sermon? What were your biggest takeaways?

*Read: 1 John 5:13, 1 John 1:5-10, Exodus 3:1-6, Psalm 119:105, 119:130, John 1:5, Psalm 43:3-5, Psalm 27:1, Psalm 18:27-28, Isaiah 60:1-3*

2. How was the light described in the Old Testament? What example do we see God's purity and light coming together?
3. Why was Moses fearful as he encountered God? What other description was given to the light in the Old Testament?
4. In what ways are God's Word and salvation light? Describe the light Isaiah is seeing. Why should this give us hope?

*Read: Job 24:13-17, 1 John 1:6, 1 John 1:8, 10*

5. What do the people of darkness claim about a relationship with God and their faith?
6. How do they view sin? What about their capability to sin? Instead of admitting they are liars and sinners, they claim what about God?

*Read: 1 John 1:7, 1 John 1:9, James 5:16*

7. In what ways is the fellowship of the people of light different from that of the people of darkness? How do we show that we genuinely love one another?
8. How must the people of light approach their sin? What is God's promise to us if we do confess our sins?

## NOTES

### PERSONAL REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

1. What has God shown you as you studied his word this week?
2. Why is there such value in reading and understanding the scriptures we looked at this week?
3. What points in the message encouraged you and gave you hope?
4. How will you personally apply what you learned from the sermon to your life?
5. How is your living proving or disproving what you say you believe?

### DEEPER

**Pray:** We would get an opportunity to share the good news of the Gospel with someone and the joy that is found in Jesus with someone this week.

**Read:** 1 John 5:13, 1 John 1:5-10, Exodus 3:1-6, Psalm 119:105, 119:130, John 1:5, Psalm 43:3-5, Psalm 27:1, Psalm 18:27-28, Isaiah 60:1-3, Job 24:13-17, James 5:16. Take time to reflect on these passages and write down your thoughts. Visit [gatewayepc.org/news](http://gatewayepc.org/news) to read and review the sermon manuscript.

**Write:** Take time to write down your thoughts and insights from the sermon this week. Keeping a journal is just one more tool that you can use to track what God is showing you in your walk with him.

**Sing:** Listen to the worship songs from Sunday throughout the week. Look up the lyrics to each song and spend some time reading them as well.

**Memorize:** As a Life Group, pick a few verses from the sermon and memorize them this week. (Check out the read section for options)

**Love:** Share this message of hope with someone you love.

*Sermon Discussion Guide*

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