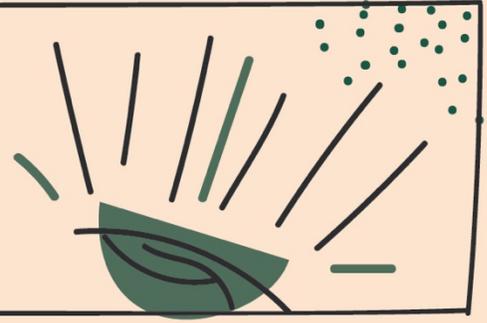


# A GOOD LIGHT

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## BIG IDEA

Jesus says that *He is the Light of the world*. Israelites had a different expectation on how Jesus (as king) would look and be; they had a different expectation of the type of “light” he would bring. Sometimes we misunderstand the type of King Jesus is to be in our lives. How did Jesus spread his light? Through conversations, spreading the hope of salvation and just loving on people. Let’s learn more about the light Jesus brings and how we are to bring that light to those around us.

### **Isaiah 9:2-7**

<sup>2</sup>The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

<sup>3</sup>You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.

<sup>4</sup>For as in the day of Midian’s defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

<sup>5</sup>Every warrior’s boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup>For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup>Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

### **Matthew 4:12-17**

<sup>12</sup> When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— <sup>14</sup> to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

<sup>15</sup> “Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,

the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan,

Galilee of the Gentiles—

<sup>16</sup> the people living in darkness

have seen a great light;

on those living in the land of the shadow of death

a light has dawned.”

<sup>17</sup> From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read both passages above. What does it mean to have “seen the great light”?
2. How does a person’s life change once they have experienced this “light” ?
3. Often times life seems bleak and dark, when God shines His life into our lives, how does that change/transform us and the way we see our situation?
4. What challenges prevent us from walking into the light?
5. John 8:12 says this: “ *When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”* Jesus wants to help you break free from whatever is holding you back from embracing this light-filled life. What is one practical thing can you do this week to “step into the Light”?