

Message Notes

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Bible Focus: Matthew 4:16

Message Title: The Great Light

"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." Matthew 4:16

Two ways to "live" in darkness:

1) Darkness _____

2) Darkness is _____

Christmas isn't about everything being _____. It's about the One who came precisely because it's _____.

How does Jesus conquer evil in the world (for now)? He

_____ it into _____.

Life Group Message Discussion Questions

Matthew 4:16

1. What are some "Christmas blues" you typically experience?
2. When you think of "people living in the darkness," do you normally think of people surrounded by darkness or people who have darkness within them?
3. How would we expect a typical leader to deal with these two different types of people walking in darkness? How have you believed Jesus deals with these two different groups in the past? Now?
4. Which gives you more comfort this holiday season: that Jesus will save you from the darkness that surrounds you or that He will save you from the darkness within you?
5. What is one specific area of darkness (either surrounding or within you) about which you would like the light of Jesus to comfort you this week? How can you focus on Jesus in a way that will bring this comfort?