



MADE FOR LIGHT

LIFE WITHOUT GOD IS LIKE LIVING WITHOUT THE SUN, TOTAL DARKNESS.

Leaders: Take your group through each section: Pray, Reflect, and Reach. Keep in mind the time allowances. In the Reflect section, feel free to focus on several of these questions instead of all as time allows.

"BECAUSE GOD IS LIGHT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO KNOW HIM AND CONTINUE TO LIVE IN DARKNESS."

DEREK NEIDER

"THE DEPRAVITY OF MAN IS AT ONCE THE MOST EMPIRICALLY VERIFIABLE REALITY BUT AT THE SAME TIME THE MOST INTELLECTUALLY RESISTED FACT."

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Studies concerning the human need for light are fascinating. It's clear from the research that a regular lack of exposure to sunlight leads to depression and a prolonged absence of light can even lead to insanity. What's true in the physical world is also true in the spiritual world. Our natural condition is darkness, living without the light of God, but that's not the end of the story.

In 2 Corinthians 4:6 the Bible says, "For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." How beautiful is that? In the midst of our darkness and despair, hopelessness and ruin, God shined His light through His Son upon our lives. It's like stepping into the glorious sunshine after a long season of winter's darkness, not just to gaze into the sun but to gaze upon the face of the Son. That experience changes your life forever!



WATCH

Play the video prepared for this lesson by Pastor Derek Neider. Video sessions are available for download at [www.cclasvegas.org/GROUPS](http://www.cclasvegas.org/GROUPS)



PRAY (10 min)

As a Home Group, share one area God's glorious light has transformed your life.



REFLECT (25 min)

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through the lesson this week, consider these questions as a group and discuss them together.

- **Contrast your personal experience of walking in darkness and walking in God's light? Describe in detail the transformation that God has worked in your life.**
- **Are there areas in your life where your "talk" and your "walk" are not in alignment? Is there sin in your life you've accommodated that needs to be confessed? List those areas and explain how you are going to address those issues.**

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"FOR YOU WERE ONCE DARKNESS, BUT NOW YOU ARE LIGHT IN THE LORD. WALK AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT."

EPHESIANS 5:8

- Are there sins you've confessed that you're still holding onto? Is there guilt and shame that you've not received God's forgiveness and cleansing for? Take that to the cross in confession and receive God's forgiveness and cleansing.
- How can your Christian witness to family members, friends, and coworkers be more God glorifying?

"THE GREATEST NEED IN THE CHURCH TODAY IS FOR OUR LIFESTYLE TO BE CONGRUENT WITH OUR CONFESSION."

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### REACH 5 MIN.

Considering what God revealed to you this week, how can you apply what you've learned to grow in your witness? Be intentional about shining your light among the people God has placed in your life.

**Step out in faith and start a conversation about Jesus.**

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**Next week we will be anxiously awaiting your praise report about how God used you to bring light into someone's life.**

