



FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE



DATE: December 28, 2025
SPEAKER: Michael Hedges

TITLE: Christmas: Light to the Nations
SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 60:1-6

OPENING PRAYER

1. ICE BREAKER: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE CHRISTMAS TRADITION?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read the scripture for today

- 1: Do you, in the current American social climate, believe Americans understand that we often make our own darkness?
- 2: What does it mean when Isaiah 60:2 says "but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you."
- 3: What does the phrase mean: "We are dead men."
- 4: What does the night of Christmas truly mean for a believer?
- 5: How do we take back the idea of what Christmas really means for our family and community?
- 6: What do you think the term "Radiant" means in this context?
- 7: How many times, in this passage alone, does the writer use the illustrations of brightness, or shining, or light? What do you think they truly reference?
- 8: What can you change this week to make a conscious effort to be more Radiant of the holiness of God?

APPLICATION

1. What is your nagging unanswered question?
2. What did you want to hear that you didn't hear from the message?
3. How can we get to know God as He is and not in the limited way we do now?
4. Think about what most caught your attention in the text or discussion. Why is God catching your attention with this at this point in your life? What does God want you to know or do?
5. What's one thing from this text that you could say to a believer/unbeliever about who God is?

PRAYER Ask people for specific prayer requests. Pray for needs and for applications of the text.
Ask for volunteers who would like to pray for those people and requests.

SHEPHERDING Check the roster and see who is not there. Does the group know why someone is not there? Are there needs that can be met by the group? Specific prayer requests? Ask for someone to reach out and say, "We missed you."

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE: Isaiah 46:4 - Even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save.

REMINDERS

Small Group Checklist

- We suggest you serve 1x every six weeks or so. Discuss ideas.
- Encourage people to invite friends or neighbors to your group!!
- Discuss childcare, if needed.
- Talk about any upcoming group meals or activities.

Go through the Announcements in the Bulletin together to see what is coming up at FCC and how you can get plugged in! Here are a couple of those things - all registrations can be found online! www.fccnr.org

-YOUTH CONFERENCE

We invite both our Youth grades 9-12, as well as anyone who enjoys working with youth to join us for the Ignite Youth Conference in Des Moines, Iowa on March 13-15th! More details and registration can be found online!

-MEN'S COFFEE & BREAKFAST

Join us on Saturday, January 10th starting at 7am for Fresh Start: Men's Coffee and Breakfast. This year, we will hear testimonies from a few men about being a believer in a secular work place, and spend time in fellowship and encouraging one another. Men 12+ are invited to attend!

-LADIES POTLUCK LUNCH

Ladies, come and plan the year ahead with us on Sunday, January 11th after 2nd service! Bring a dish to share and fresh ideas!

-WINTER FUN DAY

Save the date for Saturday, January 31st! We will be hosting a Winter Fun Day at FCC with sledding, bonfires, s'mores and more!