

Wednesday

Read Isaiah 60:4 *The light restores us to each other*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Is there a reunion you'd like to have in your life?*
2. *What would it mean for us all to make new connections with one another?*

Prayer Focus Our eyes are open, God, and when we look we see that we and all sons and daughters are yours. Make us ready to welcome them, to share what gifts we have, and to bless your light together.

Thursday

Read Isaiah 60:5 *The light heals*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What is your greatest treasure?*
2. *What new wealth would you like to receive from God in this new year?*

Prayer Focus You have offered a new year and new radiance for your people, gracious God. Refresh our spirits as we recommit ourselves to be your hands and feet, all through your strength, your courage, your grace.

Friday

Read Isaiah 60:6 *The light brings abundance*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What light and glory do you see God bringing today?*
2. *How might others hear this message? What would be good news to them?*

Prayer Focus When we open our eyes to your light, we see the many gifts you've given us. Show us a light so bright that we can't miss it. In that light, we will live to help push back the darkness that keeps us impoverished and struggling, and lift your name to the world.

Star Power

Pastor's message: Isaiah 60:1-6. Epiphany.

Message Notes:



Small Group Format

Welcome

- Introductions/getting acquainted
- Mutual Invitation question: *What lights did you see this past holiday? How did you respond?*

Opening Prayer

Song (optional)

Reflection on Scripture

Have someone read: **Isaiah 60:1-6**

- Discuss observations about the text
 - *What word or phrase strikes you the most?*
 - *What do you think is the most important point of the text?*

Application of Scripture (The central transformative questions)

- What did you hear God say to you through this week's Scriptures?
- What are you doing about it?
- How can we support you?

Share your faith (in groups of 3)

- *How have you experienced God recently in your life?* (This is a weekly question - it may be difficult to answer at first, but if you ask it each week you may start to notice God more in your life.)

Pray for each other

Refreshments (optional)

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Monday

Read Isaiah 60:1 *The light is here*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Does it feel like this is your light?*
2. *Reflect on how the glory of the Lord might rise up and shine on where you stand.*

Prayer Focus Creator God, it isn't always easy to feel the light and the glory. Lift us up to meet the light. Lead us to shine with it, to reflect it back to show the way to others.

Tuesday

Read Isaiah 60:2-3 *The light banishes darkness*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What darkness have you been facing lately, in your life or in our world? Can you share it with God?*
2. *What would it be like to be part of the dawn that God is bringing to us? What might you offer?*

Prayer Focus Darkness can confuse us and make us fearful, even when the darkness happens through us. Be our hope again, Morning Star. Like the magi, guide us by your light, because when we try to make our own light, it never seems to last. We claim your bright promise once again.

