



LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS – Let There Be Light 13th December 2020 Brian Greenaway

This Study Guide provides a summarised study with additional discussion questions based on the scriptures mentioned in the sermon.

Connect:

“God’s intention is always to bring light where there is darkness. In our personal lives or wider. He is light Himself. physical light and spiritual light.

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Engage:

1. Read [Luke 2:1-5](#)
2. Read [Matthew 2:1-2](#)
 - God chose this scenario to introduce the most important event that has ever happened in world history. You see God never does anything randomly. He chose just the right time for His Son to be born.
3. Read [Galatians 4:4-5](#)
4. Who was Jesus’ first mission to?
5. Read [Isaiah 9:1-2](#) & [6-7](#) (Prophetic text written down 700 years before the birth of Jesus.)
 - There was great darkness over the land in those days. Spiritual darkness. There was a blindness to truth and people were trapped in hopelessness. Jesus came to that area because of several reasons, this included the fact that Galilee was a backwater, others looked down on them.
 - This was the area that Isaiah spoke of that was first invaded in 720BC. They experienced the full wrath of the invading Assyrian army and now they were to be the first to experience an invasion of the miraculous power and grace of the Kingdom of God.
6. Today the world is indeed without hope. Struggling to find a way out of health, economic and unrest. But what does God’s government promise?

Framework:

7. There are 4 different aspects of light that Jesus brings:

- **“He is a Wonderful Counsellor”** - 400 years before Isaiah prophesied the Angel of the Lord, that’s Jesus appearing in person, spoke to Manoah the father of Samson. Manoah asked for His name and He said, ‘Why do you ask my name, seeing it is wonderful’. This title gives us a description of the ‘character’ of this Son. Someone who is so far above human understanding in wisdom, knowledge, understanding.
- **“He is a Mighty God (a warrior)”** - The people at that time would have thought that they had a good idea about power. Over the last 700 years they had seen various armies march through the ‘way of the Sea’ and now it was Rome. Many kingdoms have come and gone in history: - The Sumerian Empire - The Akkadian Empire - The Hittites, Phoenicians, and Elamite - The Achaemenid Empire (the first world power) - The Egyptians and Thebes - The Indus, Maruya and Gupta empire (India) - The Han and Jin Dynasties in China - The Greek, Macedonia and Hellenistic states - The Romans - The Hunnic Empire and more recently the Spanish, Swedish Russian, Ottoman and British Empires - The US.

8. Where are they all now?

9. What can you put your hope in today that will never let you down?

10. Who can you trust to never fail?

11. What can you invest your future in? Money, health, property?

- **“He is an Everlasting Father”** - The condition that we function in as believers is that we have an everlasting father - a father who is always consistent, dependable and faithful. He never changes. He is the Lord of time.
- **“Prince of Peace”** - There is no peace on earth on man’s terms – there never will be. There always will be conflict and division. Even in our Western democracy we are seeing large divisions and cracks appearing, so that even the most stable of countries are seeing violent division in them. There is only one pathway to peace.

12. What is the outcome when you come under the Lordship of Jesus and you submit to His reign in your life? What will you experience?

Prayer:

Dear Lord, help me to live in your light, and so be a light to the world. In Jesus Name Amen.