

Texts: John 1:6-13

A Jesus-focused life (John 1:6-8)

- Knowing that you and I are not the point, Jesus is.
- Pursuing the God-given mission of making His love known to those around you.

Question for reflection: How can I be prepared to speak of the light of Jesus during this season?

The inclusivity and exclusivity of Jesus (John 1:9)

- Inclusive
- Exclusive
 - The TRUE light...

3 Categories of people (John 1:10-13)

- Those who do not recognize/know Jesus (John 1:10)
- Those who do not receive Jesus (John 1:11)
- Those who receive Jesus through belief (1:12-13)
 - Belief
 - In Jesus' name

Question for reflection: What is one consistent practice I can work on to help me prepare for a lifestyle that receives Jesus?

*Spiritual Practice for December: Generosity (see the program)

Pray: Lay down any distractions, control, fears, etc. that will keep you from fully engaging in your time together.

Looking Back:

Who is participating in the daily Advent readings? What has been your experience so far?

When you think of preparing for Christmas what comes to mind first?

Looking up:

Read John 1:6-13

As you think about your daily life, (A) what are some opportunities that you have to talk about Jesus in natural ways this Christmas season? Brainstorm some ideas if none come to mind. (B) Who are some people that you can invite to one of the Candlelight services?

How do you see the 3 categories of people play out in the lives of those around you? How do you see it play out in your own life?

Discuss the inclusive and exclusive nature of Jesus as mentioned in the sermon. Why are these important and also challenging?

What other Scriptures come to mind when thinking about this passage of Scripture? How does this Scripture/sermon press you into prayer?

Looking forward:

Who is someone in your life who needs to hear about the significance of Jesus' life and light?

Pray: Pray for the community events that New Bridge is hosting. Pray that God will use our candlelight services to draw people to Himself.