

THE TRUE LIGHT

ADVENT 2019

Shine the Light (John 1:6-8) **COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE**

CONVERSATION STARTER

As we continue to celebrate the Advent season, we look at the John 1:6-8 and see how John moves from talking about the glory and power of Jesus (the Word) to John the Baptist sharing the good news of Jesus.

Without looking at your Bible, what do you know about John the Baptist? Why is he often included in the beginning of the Gospels?

GETTING INTO THE SCRIPTURES

Please read aloud John 1:6-8.

If you glance at the few verses before John 1:6-8 and the few verses after, the writer John moves from talking about Jesus to John the Baptist back to Jesus. What do you think is the significance of placing this emphasis on the work of John the Baptist?

John, the writer, uses the word "witness" three times in three verses. How does the writer use this word to convey who John the Baptist is and what he is to do?

PREPARING FOR ADVENT

The dictionary defines witness as "evidence; proof". In what ways are Christians to be evidence for the existence of Jesus, the True Light?

What are some areas of our town's culture that need the True Light of Jesus? What about the world's culture?

How do you believe Jesus is leading to actively participate in being a witness of the Gospel to our community and to the world?