

TITLE AND NUMBER: 61. The true light



REFERENCE AND KEY VERSE(S): John 1:9-14

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

LOOKING FURTHER: Genesis 1-3; John 1:14-18

What does this Bible passage tell us?

The writer, John, was one of the closest disciples to Jesus. He saw at first-hand how Jesus and His teachings affected people and society. In this passage, he uses the example of how light can change a place once covered by darkness.

In darkness, it's not uncommon that people have to feel their way around. They can run into obstacles, trip and fall! When there is light, everyone can see clearly where they are going. Similarly, when we become children of God, we can see things as God sees them. When the light of Jesus shines on us, we can more easily recognise the way we can harm or hurt others and stop doing those things.

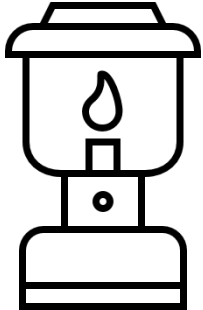
In the beginning, when God created the earth, the first thing He said was, "Let there be light." As we start a new year, it is important to allow Jesus to shine His light into our surroundings and circumstances. The light will help us avoid mistakes that can make life and living more difficult in the future.

A helpful way to receive the light of Jesus is to read the Bible. Another, is to form the habit of talking to God in daily prayer.

Reflections:

- As you start the new year, make a list of issues that the light of Jesus can help you with.
- Thinking about the issues that you listed above, could you ask Jesus to bring light into these situations?
- Do you have a planned way of reading the Bible this year? If not, check the Chapel for a Bible reading plan.

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.



Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for? It's okay to talk to God about this.

