DEC 6/7 | CHRISTMAS PRESENCE | MARK HOFFMAN

Christmas Presence
The Light in the Darkness

Isaiah 60:1-5

THE BIG IDEA

God's presence brings light to a world in spiritual darkness.

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God's light has broken through the darkness. (vv. 1-3)

The light of Christ draws and transforms people. (vv. 3-5)

Next steps:
Live It Out... a daily discipleship guide

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Year End Giving | Through Dec. 31 | 2RC.tv/Give
Year-end gifts will be gratefully accepted online or in person through Dec. 31.

Christmas Eve Services | Dec. 24 | 2RC.tv/ChristmasEve
You're invited to join us for Christmas Eve as we celebrate Jesus's arrival!

PJ's & Popcorn | 2RC Kids | BC Dec. 21 | HL & RoCo Dec. 28 | During Service
Kids, bring your favorite stuffed animal and catch a movie with us, more info online.

HARRISON LANE

Campus Breakfast | Dec. 14 | Between services | Cafe | Free of Charge
We're having breakfast together in the cafe between services, and you're invited!

ROANE COUNTY

Global Impact Lunch | Dec. 14 | 12:30P | Worship Center
Stick around for lunch and hear from our Global Impact Partners, the Garro Family.

Food Drive | Through Dec. 31 | Collection Point in the Lobby
Help restock our local food banks by donating non-perishable food items.

BEARDEN

Women's Cookie Swap | Dec. 16 | 7:00P | 12113 Lillibridge Crossing Ln.
Bring two dozen of your favorite holiday cookie in 6 bags of 4 and swap, swap, swap!

PRAYER REQUESTS

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☐ I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS TODAY!

☐ I'M INTERESTED IN BEING BAPTIZED!

LIVE IT OUT | A DAILY DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE

Listen to this Week's Sermon
Live It Out Podcast- Christmas Presence: Week 2

Monday | Read/Listen to Isaiah 60 | Worship to "King of Kings"
God's presence brings light to a world in spiritual darkness. Where do you see "thick darkness" described in this passage reflected in our world today? What's it like to be honest with God about the hard or confusing things of life? How does God's promise of light speak hope into those places? Ask Jesus, "What 'darkness' is hiding in me that I don't want to confront?"

This week, take a prayer walk (with your family, some friends, or on your own) in the places where you live, work, or play. As you walk, ask Jesus to let his light break through the darkness around you—bringing hope, peace, and his presence to the people and places you pass.

Tuesday | Read/Listen to Psalm 27 | Worship to "Light Has Come"
God's light has broken through the darkness. What does it mean for Jesus to be your "light" and "salvation"? When have you seen Jesus bring light or hope into a tough moment in your life? When you feel overwhelmed or in the darkness, how can remembering who God is help you trust Him more? Ask Jesus, "Who needs me to show up for them today - even in a small way?"

Wednesday | Read/Listen to John 1:1-18 | Worship to "Here I am to Worship"
It is the light of Christ that draws and transforms people. What does it mean that God Himself, the Creator, stepped into human history to bring light? How does that change the way you think about Jesus? How has the light of Christ not just drawn you, but begun to transform you? How has Jesus already started changing you - the way you think, act, or see yourself? Where do you still long to see his light break through? Ask Jesus, "Who needs to see your light in me today?"

Thursday | Read/Listen to Psalm 139 | Worship to "Emmanuel"
God's presence is inescapable. Even darkness is as light to him. Jesus sees us, knows us, and is forming us from the inside out. What does it mean to you that God's light is present even in your hidden, fearful, or broken places? Where do you need to invite his light to do its healing work? What would it look like to let Jesus search your heart today, not to shame you, but to grow you? Ask Jesus, "Are there patterns, thoughts, or habits you want to transform in me?"

Friday | Read/Listen to Matthew 2:1-12 | Worship to "Here comes Heaven"
God's presence brings light to a world in spiritual darkness. What does it mean to you that people from far-off lands came to worship the newborn King? How do you see Jesus bringing people from all kinds of backgrounds into his light today? What does it look like for you to respond in worship like the wise men? Ask Jesus, "Where do you want me to seek and honor your presence today?"

