

# Welcome!

- ✓ *Grab a cup of coffee and breakfast.*
- ✓ *Say hello to someone you don't know.*
- ✓ *We'll gather at 10:20am.*

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# Preparing our Hearts for Worship

Jeremiah 23:5-6 (588 BC)

*“For the time is coming,” says the Lord, “when I will raise up a righteous descendant from King David’s line. He will be a King who rules with wisdom. He will do what is just and right throughout the land. And this will be his name: ‘The Lord Is Our Righteousness.’ In that day Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety.”*





# Light in the Darkness

*"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light." - Isaiah 9:2*

## Matthew 4:12-17

*When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali – to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:*



## Matthew 4:12-17

*“Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.” From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven has come near.”*

## Isaiah 9:1-7

*<sup>1</sup> Nevertheless, that time of darkness and despair will not go on forever. The land of Zebulun and Naphtali will be humbled, but there will be a time in the future when Galilee of the Gentiles, which lies along the road that runs between the Jordan and the sea, will be filled with glory. <sup>2</sup> **The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine.***

## Isaiah 9:1-7

*<sup>3</sup> You will enlarge the nation of Israel, and its people will rejoice. They will rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest and like warriors dividing the plunder. <sup>4</sup> For you will break the yoke of their slavery and lift the heavy burden from their shoulders. You will break the oppressor's rod, just as you did when you destroyed the army of Midian. <sup>5</sup> The boots of the warrior and the uniforms bloodstained by war will all be burned. They will be fuel for the fire.*

## Isaiah 9:1-7

*<sup>6</sup> For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity. The passionate commitment of the Lord of Heaven's Armies will make this happen!*





## John 8:12


*“I am the **light** of the world: he that follow me shall not walk in **darkness**, but shall have the **light of life**.”*





## John 12:46

*“I have come into the world as a **light**, so that no one who believes in me should stay in **darkness**.”*





## Job 30:26


*“Yet when I hoped for good, evil came;  
when I looked for **light**, then came **darkness**.”*





## Psalm 22:1 (MSG)

*“God, God... my God! Why did you dump me miles from nowhere? Doubled up with pain, I call to God all the day long. No answer. Nothing. I keep at it all night, tossing and turning.”*







## 2 Samuel 22:29

*“O Lord, you are my lamp.  
The lord **light** up my **darkness**.”*






## Psalm 18:28

*“My God turns my **darkness** into **light**.”*



## Psalm 23:4

*“Even though I walk through the **darkest** valley,  
I will fear no evil, **for you are with me;**  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.”*





## Isaiah 41:10

*“So do not be afraid, for **I am with you**; do not be dismayed, for **I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous hand.**”*








## Psalm 119:105 (MSG)

*“By your words I can see where I’m going;  
they throw a beam of **light** on my **dark** path.”*





## Ephesians 5:9


*“For the fruit of the **light** (Jesus in your life) consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth.”*





## 1 John 2:8

*“Yet I am writing a new command;  
its truth is seen in him and in you,  
because the **darkness** is passing,  
and the **true light** is already shining.”*







**LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS**



# The Blessing

2 Corinthians 13:14 (The Message)

*“The amazing grace of the Master,  
Jesus Christ, the extravagant love of God,  
the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with all of you.”*