



SERMON GUIDE
THE LIGHT

John 1:1-9; Genesis 1:1-3
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Conversation Questions

The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

- S**cripture that stands out to you while you read
- O**bservations about the verse or phrases that stood out to you
- A**pplication that connect the verses to your real life and relationships
- P**rayer that invites God to participate in your life and provide power to follow him

Getting to know me: Have you ever been caught in a situation that felt dangerously out of control? What did you do?

Note about the passage: Here's a great video for anyone that would like to dig deeper into the structure of Genesis chapter one and the meaning of "Let there be light..."



Read John 1:1-9 and Genesis 1:1-3

- S** What verses, phrases, or words stand out to you as you read this text? Is anything "illuminated" or jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?
- O** "Light" is an almost universal religious and philosophical symbol. What kinds of things come to mind when you read about light in these verses?
- O** Before God spoke, there was chaos, disorder, meaninglessness and darkness. When God spoke, he filled that darkness up with order, purpose and life. Can you recall any examples in scripture of Jesus bringing order, purpose and life?
- O** What do you think it means that the darkness has not overcome the light? How/where do we see that in our lives/the world?
- A** If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?
- A** Is there any place where you are experiencing chaos, disorder, meaninglessness and darkness? Would you call on the Lord Jesus today to enter in to that specific situation?
- A** How would you explain to a friend the order and purpose that Jesus provides your life?
- P** Talk to God about your application responses. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction as needed.