



The Invitation | Light in Darkness

12.5.21 | Pastor Matt Anderson

WARM UP

1. What was your favorite thing about Christmas growing up?
2. What stood out to you in this week's message?

DIG IN

3. Read Isaiah 9:2. What is the difference between walking in darkness and living in the land of deep darkness?
4. How does the illustration of bioluminescent sea life shed "light" on how we can enjoy and share Jesus even during difficult or dark times?
5. Why does Surprise spend so much energy inviting "outsiders" to participate in our Christmas gatherings when it would be far easier to have a private party?
6. Do you think it's possible for Surprise to invite 3,500 people to Christmas? Which steps listed on our plan do you plan to take?

WRAP UP

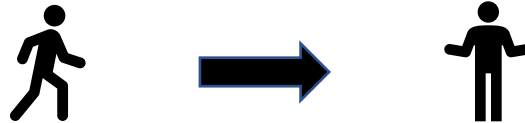
7. How can the *Lighthouse Project* help your family to relate to your neighborhood?
8. Talk about the people you hope to invite to Christmas at Surprise. Close by asking God for opportunities to connect and invite this week.



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Jesus was God's _____ to our darkness.

Isaiah 9:2



Light _____ at first, so God was _____.

Isaiah 9:6-7 describes the one God would send...

When we accept God's invitation in Jesus...

Bioluminescence:

We have purpose:

3 out of 5 people...

The math for inviting 3,500 people to Christmas at the Belle:

What if...

The invitation is for _____ and for _____.

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