



## ***The Big Gift: Change of Address***

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### **Warm up**

1. What was the hardest address change you ever had to make?
2. What stood out to you in this week's message?

### **Dig in**

3. According to this week's teaching, why do people walk in darkness?
4. Read Isaiah 9, verses 2 and 6. Talk about the gift that God would send to move us from darkness to light. How is this Gift described?
5. John 1:1-13 picks up on the theme of light and darkness in describing Jesus. What does it say that Jesus offered (v. 12) and how does it say that humans responded to him?
6. Using the example of an occupying army that is soon to leave a troubled nation, why is John 1:14 so important. What does it mean to say that God changed his address so that we can change ours?

### **Digging deeper (extra credit!)**

7. What does it mean to be reborn as God's child (v. 12)? How does this process happen? Do we initiate, respond, or simply get out of the way?
8. Would you describe yourself as "born again"? Why or why not?
9. Who are you inviting to Christmas at the Belle and how can we pray for you!?



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Why we walk in Darkness:

Isaiah 9:2 & 9:6

Background

Light:

Prince of Peace:

John 1 interprets (John 1:1-13)

New Birth:

The Problem:

John 1:14

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