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- ▶ Read the quote in the sidebar. What are some of the things you might try to find “life” from too much other than God? What type of subtle “darkness” might come from doing that too much?
- ▶ Just as light reveals dirt in a room, so the presence of the Light of the World reveals sin and humbles us. Imagine standing in the presence of Jesus, the “Light” who knows all secrets. Where might you feel conviction or be humbled?

II. THE VICTORY OF THE LIGHT

- ▶ Read 2 Cor. 4:4, 6 and describe how God converts us? What is the parallel with how he created the world in the beginning?
- ▶ Read Jn. 1:5, 8:12, 12:46, Is. 9:2. What does the light do to our “darkness”?
- ▶ Name some ways you feel the Light has pushed out some darkness in your life in the last few months or years? Where would your spouse and friends say “light” has come into your life and pushed out some former “darkness”?

III. THE CARRIERS OF THE LIGHT

- ▶ From Matt. 5:14-16, once Jesus brings “light” into our lives, what is one way it changes us and moves us to action?
- ▶ Where do you see some darkness in some relationship you have or person you know, and how do you think God might be calling you to bring light there?

What is one main take-away you want to apply in your life this week?

“Human history is the long terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy.”
- C.S. Lewis

“The Bible is not the light of the world, it is the light of the Church. But the world does not read the Bible, the world reads Christians! ‘You are the light of the world.’”
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