

November 27, 2016

Series: Illuminate

Sermon Title: *Seek the Light*

Key Verse:

Matthew 4:16 (Isaiah 9:2) (NRSV)

¹⁶The people living in *DARKNESS* have seen a great *LIGHT*; on those living in the land of the *SHADOW* of death, a *LIGHT* has dawned.

The Key:

Illumination transformation

The light brings ORDER

Genesis 1:1-5 (NRSV) ¹In the beginning when God *CREATED* the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a *FORMLESS* void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, “*LET THERE BE LIGHT*”; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the *LIGHT WAS GOOD*; and God separated the *LIGHT* from the *DARKNESS*. ⁵God called the light *DAY*, and the darkness he called *NIGHT*. And there was *EVENING* and there was *MORNING*, the first day.

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The light brings LIFE

John 1:2-5 (NRSV) ²He was in the beginning with God. ³*ALL THINGS CAME INTO BEING* through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was *LIFE*, and the *LIFE* was the *LIGHT* of all people. ⁵The *LIGHT SHINES* in the *DARKNESS*, and the darkness did not overcome it.

The light brings DIRECTION

John 12:35-37 (NRSV) ³⁵Jesus said to them, “The light is with you for a little longer. *WALK WHILE YOU HAVE THE LIGHT*, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. ³⁶While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may *BECOME CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT*.” After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them. ³⁷Although he had performed so many signs in their presence, they did not believe in him.

Challenge Questions:

What chaos needs ordering in your life?

What needs new life in your world?

What path needs illuminating in your journey?

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