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him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth;

◆ Jesus is our “\_\_\_\_\_.”

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### The gospel story in Micah...

Micah 7:8 (RSV) Rejoice not over me, O my enemy; when I fall, I shall rise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD will be a light to me.

<sup>9</sup> I will bear the indignation of the LORD because I have sinned against him, until he pleads my cause and executes judgment for me. He will bring me forth to the light; I shall behold his deliverance.

<sup>10</sup> Then my enemy will see, and shame will cover her who said to me, Where is the LORD your God? My eyes will gloat over her; now she will be trodden down like the mire of the streets.

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## A Light Has Dawned

Isaiah 9:6-7; December 9, 2018

Isaiah 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

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### Living in darkness

Isaiah 9:2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

John 1:5 (RSV) The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

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### Human darkness understood

1. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ component related to darkness

Proverbs 4:19 (RSV) The way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know over what they stumble.

2. There is an \_\_\_\_\_ component to darkness.

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John 3:19 (RSV) *And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and men loved **darkness** rather than light, because their deeds were **evil**.*

Isaiah 8:21 *Distressed and hungry, they will roam through the land; when they are famished, they will become enraged and, looking upward, will curse their king and their God.*

■ <sup>22</sup> *Then they will look toward the earth and see only distress and darkness and fearful gloom, and they will be thrust into utter darkness.*

### ■ What is the light? Who is the light?!

The Christian message is the most realistic message about life and our human nature.

- a. Darkness lies \_\_\_\_\_ the human heart.
- b. Human efforts to deal with darkness will not \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. But, there is hope.
- d. We must turn to God to do what we can't do for ourselves

Isaiah 9:2 “...on those living in darkness, a light has dawned.”

■ *Isaiah 9:6 For to us **a child is born**, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

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John 8:12 (RSV) *Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

### ■ Understanding the Light (Jesus)

Isaiah 9:6 ...for to us **a child is born**, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

a. Wonderful Counselor--

■ b. Mighty God—

c. Everlasting Father--

d. Prince of Peace—

### ■ Messiah is the way, the truth, the life

John 14:6 (RSV) *Jesus said to him, I am the **way**, and the **truth**, and the **life**; no one comes to the Father, but by me.*

◆ Jesus is the “\_\_\_\_\_.”

■ *Psalm 119:105 Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a **light to my path**.*

◆ Jesus is the “\_\_\_\_\_.”

*1 John 1:5 (RSV) This is the message we have heard from*

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