

Advent 2020
Week One

Hope and Light in a Dark World

"Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned."

Isaiah 9:1-2, 9

1. In the land of this darkness a "Light has dawned," a light that _____ . A day will come when light overcomes _____ !

"When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh."

Matthew 2:10-11

2. What they found was the greatest gift given to mankind. They saw the Hope, it was real, the prince of Peace. Gifts were given and they _____ and _____ .

"Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. ³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel."

Luke 2:29-32

3. Simeon saw the hope the "light was real" and the light brought him _____ . He saw the light as _____ .

"...And then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem."

Luke 2:37-38

4. The hope was _____ , the light was before her was also. She had the credibility to speak the _____ of God to all. This child was the _____ of Jerusalem.

What is stopping you from being a bright light? Take a moment, think about it.

1. List it and ask God to help you remove that darkness:

2. If you are not sure ask yourself, am I an Ephesians 5:8 person?

"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light."

Are you a light a to a lost and dying world? _____

3. What would make me be a brighter light to those around me?
