

## Application

4. Share what you do on a daily basis to “pay attention to the prophetic message”, 2 Peter 1:19? Do you live as if it were “completely reliable?”

5. The third characteristic of wisdom is teaching others. Tell the group about other Christians that you have a mentor’s relationship with.

## THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS

### JOHN 1:1-14

“I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.”

C. S. Lewis

### Light as life (John 1:1-5)

(Gen 1:1-5)

Jesus Christ created everything, including light

The life of Jesus Christ is the source of spiritual light

Darkness cannot understand or overcome light

### Light as revelation (Luke 2:32)

(Isaiah 9:2, Isaiah 60:1-2, Luke 1:78-79, John 8:12)

Light is used as a picture of the coming of the Messiah

Zechariah and Simeon applied the prophecies of Messiah as

light to Jesus at the time of his birth

Jesus claimed the title Light of the World for himself

## Believers are also the light of the world (Matthew 5:14-16)

(Philippians 2:14-16, Revelation 1:20, Revelation 21:22-24)

We become a light for the world when **Christ's light** shines through us

As the body of Christ we are a **lamp** on a **lampstand**

## Light as Understanding (John 9:38-41)

(2 Corinthians 4:4-6, 2 Peter 1:19)

The man was healed of both **physical** and **spiritual** blindness

The Pharisees remained in spiritual blindness because they **thought they could see**

## Light as Wisdom (Ephesians 5:13-17)

(Psalm 119:105 & 130, Proverbs 4:18-19, John 3:21)

The three parts of wisdom are

- **Knowing** God's law
- **Obeying** God's law
- **Teaching** God's law to others

In order to live as wise people, we need to **understand** what the Lord's will is and **do it**

## Getting to Know You

1. Think of someone in your life who reflects the light of Christ in the world. Tell your group what there is in that person's life that shines like a star in the universe.

## Into the Bible

2. The true light came into the world, but the world did not recognize him or receive him (John 1:9-10). Why not? Think about 1 John 2:9-11 as you answer.
3. Think about what Jesus said in John 9:41, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains." What implications does this have for us?