

Small Group Questions

RED: Life

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We see in verse four that life is in Jesus. Considering this week's sermon; list some of the ways that Jesus has blessed your life with fullness or abundance. Share them with your group.

Getting Started...

Is the image of Jesus as 'The Shepherd' helpful to you or not?

Can you think of a more relevant image for our society today?

What does the picture of a shepherd whose voice is known by the sheep say to our society today?

At what times in your life has it been most difficult for you to follow The Shepherd?

Digging Deeper...

Read John 1:1-18

What do we learn about The Word from the first three verses of John?

Jesus is also called "the light of men". In what specific areas of your life has Jesus brought light into your life?

John was sent by God to be a witness of the light. We are also called to be witnesses (Matthew 28:18-20). If light and life can be found in Jesus; what keeps you from sharing this great truth with others "not of this sheep pen"?

According to John 10:1-18; what are some of the things that keep people from seeing, hearing, or accepting The Light?

Those who receive Jesus and believe in His name are given the right to become children of God. What does it mean to be born of God? What does it mean to be a child of God?

In verse fourteen we see that in addition to light and life, grace and truth are found in Christ. How has God used Grace and Truth to help you experience life to the fullest?

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Why are both Grace and Truth necessary if we are going to shine The Light to others?

In what area of your life would you like to have MORE than you would normally expect or anticipate?

No other religion has a god that became man in order to reveal himself to men that he might save them. What should our response be to a God who has done for us what no one else could or would do?

Abundance in life comes when you are _____ NOT _____.

List the thoughts that run through your head when you think that the "one and only" Son laid down his life for you?

Two things we must give for abundant life:

1) I must give my _____ to the _____. (vs 9,10)

2) I must give up _____ and live for _____.
(vs 13, 18)

Taking it Home...

On Sunday Ben said that we should be giving up *me* first and living for *you* first. Who will you be reaching out to this Christmas season and how?