



# STUDY GUIDE

## LIGHT OF THE WORLD 12.21.14

### [set up]

In The Light of the World series we looked at John 1 and celebrated that Christmas is a holiday celebrated all over the world in many unique and diverse countries and cultures. We should have all received an ornament to remind us to pray for the countries of Mexico, El Salvador, Ukraine, Indonesia, Ghana, and South Sudan. Spend some time as a group praying for those countries.

### [digging deeper]

Read John 1:1-18. If you have an unique insight on verses 14-18, share it with the group.

Read John 17:15-18. Here Jesus is praying for all those that will follow him to not retreat from the world. Rather, Christ is sending us into the world. How does Jesus model this in John 1:1-18?

Read 1 Peter 1:14-16. Scripture calls us all to be holy and to be in the world. How do we do that? How do we interact in a way that brings the light of Christ to dark places but doesn't also cause us to fall into temptation?

### [living it out]

Everyone has an EGR, or "extra grace required", relationship. Sometimes that relationship needs clear boundaries, but sometimes we need to be more will to give of our time and energy for that person. Is there a difficult person in your life that God wants you to share grace and truth with this next week?

In 2015, we are being challenged as a church to have 24,000 gospel conversations, and for everyone in the church to pray for ten people to come to know Jesus. Have everyone share with the group one person s/he would like to pray for, then have the group pray for the individuals.