

Part 5

Light of the World

John 8:12, Select Passages from John

Sunday, December 31, 2023

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Notes:



Have you had some Gospel Conversations? Tell us about it!

Text **"CONVERSATION"** to **833-271-8805**, then follow the prompts.

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Gospel Conversations

Part of our **Enduring Reach** vision is:

By 2030 the people of Wawasee Bible will engage in 10,000 Gospel Conversations

So what is a "Gospel Conversation"?

First of all, by 10,000 we do not mean 10,000 people, but *conversations*.

A Gospel Conversation is sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with someone in need of knowing of his love and grace.

A conversation that points to Jesus as the hero and gives testimony to his grace, as well as our own need for it, counts as a Gospel Conversation.

Here's three (of many!) types of Gospel Conversations:

1. I share with someone what Jesus is doing in my life *today*. Maybe something good, maybe bringing me through a hard time, maybe a point from Sunday's message that hit me, etc.
2. I share with someone my story of putting my faith in Christ.
3. I share the truth of the Gospel, and encourage them to believe it themselves.

Remember the key is to love. **We're loved by Jesus, and so we're sent by Jesus to love others and invite them to follow him with us.**

We'll share more soon, including some ideas to help you spark Gospel Conversations with the people God has sent *you* to!

We are sent to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us.



Food for Thought

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

What is this? – Normally this section includes questions and a study for our Life Groups. If you're not in one, you should sign up in the Commons, let us know on a Connect Card, or contact the church office! Most groups break for the summer, but others will continue and use this for their study time together. Instead of our normal study guide, this is a smaller study and some questions for you to reflect/journal on throughout the week. Look for sign-ups for new groups in January!

Food for Thought...

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, *was there anything you heard for the first time, that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?*

1. Read through **Ephesians 5:8-16** below.

- **Highlight** anything you find encouraging, since Jesus gives us light and we don't have to walk in darkness.
- **Circle** all of the "don't dos" in the passage
- **Underline** all of the "dos" in the passage.
- **Put an X** next to anything that confuses you.

⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) ¹⁰ and find out what pleases the Lord. ¹¹ Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. ¹² It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. ¹³ But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. ¹⁴ This is why it is said: "Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." ¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

EPHESIANS 5:8-16 (NIV)

- Paul's instructions to the church in Ephesus are applicable to us today as we walk in the light of the cross. Is there a particular "don't do" that stuck out to you? Is there a "do" that you want to spend some time focusing on this coming week?

(Study Guide continues on back panel...)

Welcome to Wawasee!

OUR MISSION

We are sent to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us.

YOUR PATHWAY

If you call Wawasee Bible "home", we challenge you to pursue **three things**:

1. Gather



Show up *regularly* and gather with us for worship.

2. Grow



Don't just show up, *grow up* spiritually and connect in a growth ministry like Life Groups.

3. Go!



Go and serve somewhere. Contribute as much *or more than* you consume!

Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find for John 8:12 (NirV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

¹² **Jesus** spoke to the **people** again. He **said**, "I am the **light** of the world. Those who **follow** me will **never walk** in **darkness**. They will have the **light** that **leads** to **life**."

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life groups Study Guide (continued)

- This week, look up at the moon. The moon doesn't produce light, but reflects light from the sun. In the same way, we are people who are to reflect light from the Son, Jesus. We get to be the light of the world representing Jesus, the true Light. **Read Philippians 2:12-16, Matthew 5:15-16 and 1 Peter 2:11-12.** What new insights or reminders do you see that are helpful as we reflect the Son and walk in our spiritual mandate to be the light of the world?

Philippians 2:12-16

Matthew 5:15-16

1 Peter 2:11-12

Is there anything about this mandate that excites you? Is there anything about this that scares you? What fears or pressures might come with the knowledge that we are to be the light of the world? Where do you find encouragement as you live out this calling?

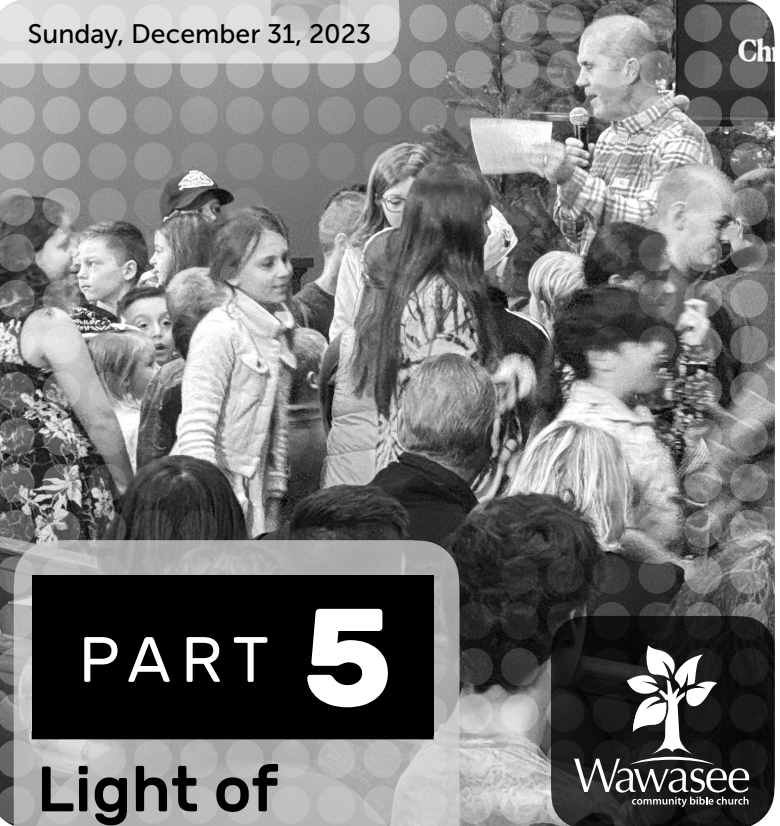
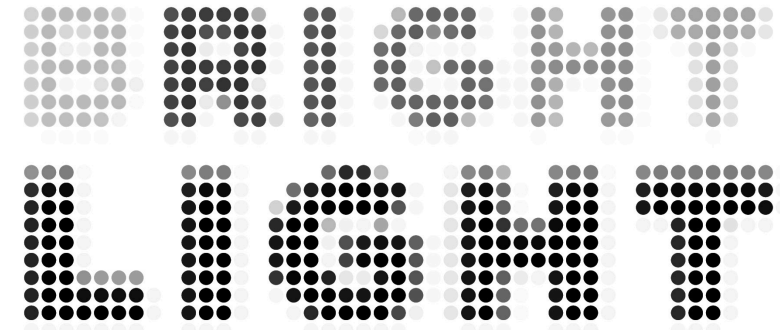
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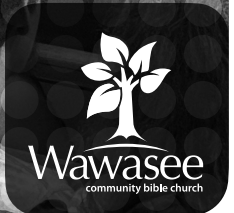
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