

# GOD IS \_\_\_\_\_

## Part 11: God is Light

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What comes into our minds when we think about God,  
is the most important thing about us.

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### **God is light.**

Light: Illumination that makes sight possible

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. <sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. —1 John 1:5-7

**Light is pure** (vs. 5)

**Light penetrates darkness and exposes reality** (vs. 6)

**Light unites** (vs. 7)

<sup>12</sup>When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

—John 8:12

**Without crushing, there is no light**

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. —Matthew 5:14-16

**Being light demands illumination** (vs. 14)

**Being light requires exposure** (vs. 15)

**Being light reflects the true light** (vs. 16)

**A caution to the light bearers: Jesus is the exposing light, not you!**

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## **My Personal Assertion**

My light shines the most brightly when I live differently.

## **Next Steps**

Getting involved in your community is a great way to let your light shine. The new **CTK Service Project Community** is putting together a team to assist at the Ski to Sea Race. We're looking for 8 people on Saturday, May 24 and 35 people on Sun, May 25 to set up, direct traffic, assist racers, and support our community. There is a training meeting on this Sunday, May 18 with the Transition Site Directors, if you miss the meeting you can still volunteer. If you're interested, email Dan (vandykedan@yahoo.com). Come enjoy the race from a whole new perspective and shine your light in our community!

## **Small Group Questions**

- 1) What is your favorite kind of light (sun, candle, fluorescent, etc.)? Why?
- 2) Are you one of those people who loves to keep the lights on or are you the kind of person who finds great joy in turning lights off?
- 3) How does 1 John 1:5-7 illuminate your daily relationship with Jesus? Does the exposure that the light of God brings to you draw you to Christ or make you want to run and hide?
- 4) Has the crushing of your life brightened or extinguished the light of your spirit? In what ways?
- 5) In what ways is your light shining right now?
- 6) What do you need prayer for today?

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