"REWIND"

CHRISTMAS REWIND – PT. 2

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✓ *The big idea …* _____

1 JOHN 1:5b (NIV) God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

1) LEAN INTO THE _____

JOHN 12:46 (NLT) I have come as a light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in me will no longer remain in the darkness.

~ *Everybody has* _____

JOB 30:26 (TEV) I hoped for happiness and light, but trouble and darkness came instead.

LAM. 3:19-20 (TEV) The thought of my pain ... is bitter poison … and my spirit is depressed.

~ *Jesus came to* _____*!*

2 SAM. 22:29 (TEV) You, Lord, are my light; you dispel my darkness.

How? Jesus Understands and He…

✓ *Encourages me when I'm* _____

PS. 34:18 (TEV) The Lord is near to those who are discouraged; he saves those who have lost all hope.

✓ *Guides me when I'm* _____

JOHN 18:12 (LB) So the Jewish police, with the soldiers and their lieutenant, arrested Jesus and tied him.

✓ *Changes me when I'm* _____

1 JOHN 2:8 (LB) Yet it is always new, and works for you just as it did for Christ; and as we obey this commandment, to love one another, the darkness in our lives disappears and the new light of life in Christ shines in.

2) LIVE EVERYDAY _____

MATT. 5:14-16 (NIV) You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. 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. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

✓ *Let your* _____

MATT. 5:13-16 (MSG) Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You've lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage. Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.

✓ *Don't curse the darkness,* _____*!*

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Digging Deeper: Small Group Questions …

- What is your favorite Christmas tradition?
- Has Christmas as we know and celebrate it today been corrupted by commercialism or has it become more "Christian" in its focus over the years? Explain.
- Share an experience where the light of Christ dispelled some aspect of darkness in your life.
- What are some ways in which you can let your light shine?