

## Prayer Requests

## Sermon Notes

I have come to Bring Abundant Life.

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I have come to Be The Light.

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I have come to Be The Truth.

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## Series Study Guide

## December 5-26

I have come to...

## **Bring Abundant Life**

John 10:7-18

- Take a few moments this week and write out this scripture. Think about the words as you copy them down in your own handwriting. LIVE ON THE EDGE and do it more than once, maybe even try a Sharpie or a Crayon! Anything to slow you down as you write.

### **Personal Questions to Ponder**

- In the context of Jesus as the “Door” and “Shepherd” what is abundant life?
- What would be comparable to the “Hired Man” in vs 12?
- The imagery is vivid in vs 12 with the wolf and sheep. Is there a story in your life when you were thankful for a Shepherd?

### **Group Questions to Ponder**

- Can you share this passage as a story? Adding as much detail in order as you can without looking (Finish with reading the passage).
- How can this passage be used as a tool while having a conversation with someone that is not following Christ?
- What do a corral, door, doorkeeper or shepherd and a pasture represent? What do they have to do with life and abundance?

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## **Be the Light**

- Print off this section of scripture in double spacing. Then note by each one of the pronouns who it is referring to.
- Don’t give up. Reread the passage until you understand the flow.

### **Personal Questions to Ponder**

- Verse 46 would likely make sense to someone that is maturing in their faith. But how would you put it into your own words to tell someone that had no religious background or may have never heard of the Bible?
- Write out this verse in your own words now that you have thought about it.

### **Group Questions to Ponder**

- If you are willing, share this passage in your own words.
- Light and darkness can conjure up a lot of correlations for us. With that in mind tell the story, as a group, of Christ’s birth from Mary’s conception to their return from Egypt. Include as much detail as possible. Now review the passage (Matthew 1:18-2:23, Luke 1:22-2:40) did you miss anything?

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## **Be the Truth**

- This passage is tempting to read quickly as we have likely heard it many times. Don’t skim over the story, commit to read it daily. Be proactive as only you can do to insure that you respect the Lord in the way that you handle this passage.

### **Personal Questions to Ponder**

- Christmas is near. We are used to hearing stories of Mary and The Baby this time of year. Why might it be helpful to spend time now studying His death?
- Are there areas in my life where I am like the Jews in this passage. Standing in the presence of Truth, but don’t realize it?

### **Group Questions to Ponder**

- Pilate said, “What is truth” in vs 38. Rephrase what he was asking.
- How do we handle the argument from some that truth is relative? Share an example from your life.
- Make a large list of truths Jesus testified to.
- Spend some time reviewing the implications of “...I was born...”.