

## Small Group Discussion Guide

November 25, 2018

***Happy Thanksgiving to  
One and All!***

**Sermon Title:**  
"Let There Be Light"

**Sermon Text:** *Genesis 1:1-3*

**Scripture Reading:** *Judges 6:36-40*

**Leader:** *Please allow a moment for introductions/visiting. Have someone offer a brief prayer inviting God to speak and lead using the group's discussion.*

### Getting Started:

Take a few moments and share your Thanksgiving blessings. What specific things happened this past year that were clearly the hand of God blessing you and your family? Were there particular examples where God's intervention / involvement was displayed?

### Discussion:

1. "Firsts" generally have great significance in our lives. Can you name a few "firsts" that have made indelible impressions in your mind? These events / happenings tend to always be pretty easily accessible in our memory. Name one special one to you.
2. Recalling the first recorded words of God has always had an impact on me. As I think of our text, "Let there be light", this carries so much more meaning with me than the simple lighting up of creation. Does this statement have a dual meaning to you, or perhaps even more than just a dual meaning?
3. Consider all the many recurring ways "light" is used in scripture. (We have our own uses to add to this as well. Check out these references and discuss any modern uses that we have adopted:  
\*2 Corinthians 6:14                      \*Isaiah 9:2  
\*Psalms 119:105                      \*John 8:12
4. Even though God has declared "Let there be light", we often ask for something more specific than just light in general. We frequently ask for the equivalent of a "divine stoplight." Consider the ways we could interpret such a gift:  
1) GREEN LIGHT..... Go!                      (The light of certainty and peace.)  
2) YELLOW LIGHT... Caution.                      (The light of uneasiness and doubt.)  
3) RED LIGHT..... Stop!                      (The light of warning and conviction.)
5. We often long for a "guiding light" to show us the way. Perhaps we have One...  
***Jesus is the Light of the World.*** Are you paying attention to the Light?

**Closing:** Close by sharing prayer requests. Pray for each another and for the needs that were shared. **GO SHARE JESUS!**