

LIFE APPLICATION QUESTIONS
For Sunday, December 25, 2011's Sermon
Foundational Scripture:

Scripture: John 1:1-14 <http://bible.oremus.org/?ql=191578957>

Sermon Series: "Expecting"

Sermon Title: "The Birthday of Light"

Question: Why are birthdays important? Why is Jesus' birthday important?

Synopsis: Jesus' birth is significant because of the light that he brings.

Featured Scripture Reflection: "All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." – John 1:3-5

Opening Icebreaker: How do you usually celebrate your birthday or the birthday of a member of your family? Share about a memorable birthday you have had.

Additional Question: What stands out to you when you read about the birth of Jesus?

Scripture Questions

What is the scripture saying?

- Read **John 1:1-14**. <http://bible.oremus.org/?ql=191578957> What stands out to you about this passage? What questions does it raise? What does it tell you about Jesus? What does it tell you about God?
- Read **John 12:35-46**. <http://bible.oremus.org/?ql=191579000> What words or phrases stand out to you when you read this verse? How does this passage complement the previous passage?
- Read **Matthew 5:15-16**. <http://bible.oremus.org/?ql=191579025> How does this passage compliment what was read in the previous passages?

How is God speaking through Scripture?

- What is the "Good News" in these passages of Scripture?
- After discussing and pondering these passages, how do these passages affect me? (i.e. - How are these passages speaking to me?)

God's word

- What is God's invitation to you?

A prayer

God, we thank you for sending your son, Jesus to be a light to our world. Help us to shine that light in our world. Amen.