



## Advent – Hope Awakening - Study Guide

Week 1 – Light Dawning - Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2020

**Isaiah 9.14** *The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. To those living in the land of deep darkness, a light has dawned*

1. How do you experience 'darkness' in our land at the moment?
2. When (and how) did Jesus' light first begin to dawn in your life?

**John 8.12** *I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.*

**John 12.46** *I have come into the world as a light, so that no-one who believes in me should stay in darkness.*

3. How is Jesus qualified to be the Guiding Light for you and for all people – leading us from darkness into light?
4. Can you share some specific recent situations where the light of Jesus' example (or teaching) lit the way for you to follow him from darkness into light?

**2 Corinthians 4.4** *The god of this age has blinded the mind of unbelievers.*

**John 1.5** *The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

No matter how dark the land gets – His light will still shine

There are beacons and communities of HOPE, radiant with the light of Christ, lighting up our land.

5. Please spend a few minutes praying for our church family and all the churches and Christians across Warrington – that we might radiate the love of Christ in increasing measure. And pray also for those you know who are walking in darkness without the light of Christ in their lives.

**Please read John 3.19-21; 2 Corinth 4.6; Colossians 1.12**

6. Why is stepping into God's light both uncomfortable and necessary for our transformation?

**Please read 1 John 2.8; Romans 13.11-13; Revelation 22.5**

7. What difference will this reality make to how you live this week?