Homegroup Study
Brockley Baptist Church
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Light of the World

Try and start on time. The first question functions as an ice-breaker (to get people talking) and as a time buffer – so if people turn up a bit late they won’t miss the main points. When the weather gets better we will be inviting all homegroup leaders to a barbecue, It will be mostly social and food – but they will be some time given to discussing how homegroups are going, general feedback, sharing of ideas, and potential ways that your homegroup can develop.

Q1
Watch this 20 second video and explain what is happening (point a phone at the QR code)

Q2
The word light is only used once in Mark’s Gospel, but is a main theme in John’s gospel. John uses the word ‘light’ 5 times in his first chapter. What claims are made about Jesus in these verses? And what do you think of them?

***4****In him (Jesus) was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.****5****The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome[*[*a*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+1%3A4-9&version=NIV#fen-NIV-26050a)*] it.* ***6****There was a man sent from God whose name was John.****7****He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe.****8****He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.* ***9****The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.*

Q3
What does John say about himself in these verses? Is there anything that we can follow from John’s example?

Q4
What does this verse add to what we have talked about already?

*Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”*12 *When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world.*

Q5
***14****“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.****15****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.****16****In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.* Matthew 5

If Jesus says he is the light of the world – how can he say here that ‘You are the light of the world?”

Q6
Why does Jesus talk about a city built upon a hill cannot be hidden?

Q7
Jesus tells us to let our light shine – is this different to showing off or blowing our own trumpet? – and how can we do it in the next 7 days?

Don’t let prayer and worship get squeezed out.