

in all things

## PRE-GATHERING BIBLE STUDY #5

# GOD ENLIGHTENS THE DARKNESS AND REVEALS HIS WISDOM IN THE STORY OF ALL THINGS

## GOALS:

1. This study will show participants how God brings light in the darkness and reveals His wisdom repeatedly in the Bible. (We call repeating big ideas like these “Biblical Themes.”)
2. Through reading and re-reading the Scriptures, this study will help participants see how light is used to reveal who God is and how He interacts with humanity. Ultimately, Jesus is the light, the revelation of God that brings all of God’s promises to fulfillment. Christ continues to shine His light through His church.

## LESSON

Together, let’s look at how light is used in Scripture. Our icon for this biblical theme is a lightbulb. As you read these next stories, draw an image of a lightbulb to remind you of how God reveals Himself to His people.



Read **Exodus 34:29-35**.

1. Who was present on Mt. Sinai?
2. How was it apparent to Israel that Moses met with Yahweh?
3. How does that connect to the theme of light?

Read **Matthew 2:1-12**.

1. How did the magi know where to go?
2. What did the light of the star reveal about the baby? What labels are given to Jesus in the passage?

Read **John 9:1-7, 25**.

1. What does Jesus do for the blind man?
2. What does Jesus call himself?
3. What does this reveal about Jesus?



Let's take what we just learned about and put it into practice!

Read **Isaiah 42:1-17**.

Use the box below to either draw what Isaiah describes, or write down the key words for what Yahweh will do for and through His people. Then answer the question below:

1. According to the passage, how will it look for God to “bring light to the darkness”?
2. Draw the promises described in Isaiah on the poster paper.

## CALL TO ACTION

Between now and leaving for the Gathering, read the opening chapters of the Bible (Genesis 1-3) and the book of Colossians (chapters 1-4). While you're reading, think about these questions:

1. What does this story reveal about God's character?
2. What does this story reveal about humanity?
3. In your Bible, mark up this story with the Biblical Themes icons we have studied in these Pre-Gathering Bible studies



4. What connections do you see between Genesis 1-3 and Colossians?