



Your story matters.



MYRC.CHURCH



“BE *the Light*”

NATE SICKLER, SAUK RAPIDS CAMPUS & SMALL
GROUPS PASTOR

MESSAGE NOTES

What do you _____ right now?

Many of us are ready to _____ at something new, putting 2020 behind us, to return to balanced, active, and happy lives.

How we travel determines how we _____ arrival at a destination.

Simeon was one of only a few people who didn't “_____” when Jesus arrived. ([Luke 2:28-32](#))

How did _____ arrive at a destination well?

1) He walked in the _____... ([Luke 2:25](#); [1 John 1:5](#))

2) ...with his _____ wide open. ([Luke 2:24](#))

Hopeful _____

God wants our holidays to be filled with His light.

- If we only focus on a _____ someday, we will be _____ today.
- Instead, focus on where the Light is _____, step into it, and you may be surprised how _____ the New Year becomes. (1 Thessalonians 5:5; Acts 1:8)

Tell someone about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey!
Let us know, too, and fill out our connect card (digital or in person).



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DISCUSSION GUIDE

Icebreaker: Tell your group about your most memorable New Year's Eve and what made it special.

1. Pastor Nate taught us that “how we travel determines how we experience arrival at a destination.” How have you experienced this, especially with 2020’s unexpected twists and turns?
2. What part of Simeon’s story most impresses you? Review his story in [Luke 2:25-35](#).
3. Pastor Nate showed us that Simeon’s eyes were “wide open”...full of “hopeful anticipation.” What does it look like to focus on where the Light is today instead of the destination? Read [1 John 1:5](#), [1 Thessalonians 5:5](#) and [Acts 1:8](#).
4. How will you step into God’s light as you approach 2021? How might your group support you in keeping focused in the New Year?
5. Take time to pray for each other and how you’ll step into the New Year.

Day One: [Matthew 26](#)

Day Two: [Matthew 27](#)

Day Three: [Matthew 28](#)

Day Four: [Mark 1](#)

Day Five: [Mark 2](#)

PERSONAL GUIDE



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Simeon was one of only a few people who didn't “miss it” when Jesus arrived.
(Luke 2:28-32)

How did Simeon arrive at a destination well?

- 1) He walked in the light... (Luke 2:25; 1 John 1:5)
- 2) ...with his eyes wide open. (Luke 2:24)

Hopeful anticipation.

God wants our holidays to be filled with His light.

- If we only focus on a destination someday, we will be disappointment today.
- Instead, focus on where the Light is today, step into it, and you may be surprised how bright the New Year becomes. ([1 Thessalonians 5:5](#); [Acts 1:8](#))

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