



# HTC Groups

## *Discussion Questions*

**Sermon Title:** Light of the World: Celebration Sunday & Advent Prelude

**Scripture:** John 1:1-18

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1. Were you able to attend Celebration Sunday? Celebration Sunday is a regular rhythm to celebrate how God is moving in our lives and in our church. How is God moving in your life? How do you see God moving at Harbor Trinity?
2. As we begin the Advent and Christmas season, are there hopes, expectations, or prayers you have?
3. Advent comes from the Latin word, *adventus*, which means arrival or coming and marks the four Sundays before Christmas. This period of time first Advent, the birth of Christ, and the second Advent, the return of Christ,
4. John 1:4 says, "In [Jesus] was life, and the life was the light of men." How are "life" and "light" separate? How are they unified together? How is "the life the light of men"?
5. Whenever we see or hear of darkness, it is easy to believe that darkness is winning. How do we take to heart and remember, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:5)?
6. John the Baptist "came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him" (John 1:7). Are we able to bear witness about the light in the same way as John the Baptist? Why or why not?
7. John continues and says, "the true light, which gives light to everyone" (John 1:9). How does Jesus, the Light of the World, give light to everyone? How has this been true historically and globally? How does it continue to be true in the same way today?
8. Consider the scope of this statement, "[Jesus] was in the world, and the world was made through him" (John 1:10). How incredible is it that Jesus was able to put Himself within the space and time of the world He created and dwell among us?
9. John says, "we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). Why are grace and truth inseparable and equally important?
10. As you consider how you reveal Christ, do you need to grow in grace or truth? Is there a particular person that God is placing on your mind or in your life?