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Main Points

Every religion and philosophy offers a reason for this pain, the darkness in the world

The darkness in the world is the result of the sin in us.

God hates sin b/c he loves you and sin hurts you.

To end sin God would have to end the cause...us.

Christmas is God's answer to the overwhelming darkness of sin.

The only solution to the darkness of sin is forgiveness.

Jesus didn't just save the world from our sins, but also from the POWER of sin.

How do we do it?

Admit sin - Accept forgiveness - Reach out - Follow Jesus

This choice to accept Jesus' forgiveness is a commitment to a life of transformation and purpose.

The only solution to the darkness in our world is the light of Jesus' forgiveness.

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Discussion Questions

- 1. What was your reaction to the description of sin in this message? Why do you think that is?
- 2. Read John 3:16-21. What stands out to you in terms of what Jesus offers you/us?
- 3. What questions/barriers are there for you in following and responding to the light of Jesus? How can your group pray for you in this?

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Recommended Reading:

• The Christmas Story: <u>Luke 2</u>

Music we listened to while making this episode: Lauren Daigle- <u>O come, O come,</u> <u>Emmanuel</u> Musicality- <u>From Now On (Cover from</u> <u>"The Greatest Showman"</u>) Joy Williams- <u>Here With Us</u>

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