The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:5

The hope of Christmas is that Jesus, the light, has entered our world, and the light wins. But so often it does not feel like the light is winning. There is still pain, suffering, disease, and immorality in our world. And when we see darkness, we tend to point my finger at it. The problem is out there. But as the great theologian, Taylor Swift said (ಡ) “It’s me, Hi, I’m the problem, It’s me. We must first look in the mirror.

John is communicating this earth-shattering event—the God of the universe entered humanity—to both a Jewish and gentile audience. The Jewish people had a performance-based religion. You follow these laws, you are good. You break these laws, you are bad.

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1

John is telling the Jewish people that GOD (the creator) is the WORD (the Law). The law is not a moral code or rules to follow, it is a Jesus, a person to follow.

The law (moral code) was not meant to make us good. The law was meant to lead us to Jesus who makes us good.

We often practice a performance-based Christianity. If I say and do the right things I will be rewarded and if I misbehave, I will be punished. But this is behavior modification rather than heart transformation. There are parts of my heart that I have been hiding from God and I need to invite his light so I can be made new.

QUESTION 1: What part of your heart needs God’s light?

In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. John 1:4


There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. John 1:6-8

The point of the Christian life is not to distinguish ourselves from the ungodly, but to stand in radical solidarity with everyone.

How can we enter in darkness and reflect His light?

1. Be Vulnerable
2. Be Brave
3. Be Curious
How did Jesus transform the world:
“Not simply by offering ideas, counsel and law, but by living with men (and women) in great humility, enduring death for their sakes, and rising again from the grave in a demonstration of God’s grace rather than an argument about it.” - Richard Niebuhr. Christ & Culture

QUESTION 2: Who can you be a light to? What area of darkness are you called to step into?

Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God’s law but am under Christ’s law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people. 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

We are transformed people transforming our world. We have been empowered and filled with the Holy Spirit to be a light to the world. If you are feeling discouraged that the darkness is winning, remember what John says, that light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. So go be lights!