

# A Life of Hope

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'JESUS, LIGHT OF THE WORLD'  
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Reflect on your last week: What were the 3-4 things you spent most time doing/thinking about?

What might be an initial response to the question of: 'What is the purpose of your life?'

How do you reconcile the above answers and how are you challenged?

What does John 1:4-9 say about light and the purpose of Jesus' life?

In the creation story of Genesis, the themes of: 'Word', 'Light', 'Life', 'Flesh' (humans) and 'Procreation' (multiply) are used. Similarly John uses the same ideas but with Jesus standing at the centre of it all. Discuss

We all desire a new & different world, especially in the light of current events. Discuss the idea of Jesus being the lynch pin of a new creation.

Read John 8:12. Discuss the idea that as followers of Jesus we have the potential to reflect the light of Jesus into every dark corner.

The light of Jesus can offer light and hope for the people of Melbourne many of whom are desperate for meaning and hope in their lives. Discuss some of the difficult situations in which people find themselves and where such hope could radically change lives.

Where might you be able to make the world different THIS WEEK? You may wish to pray about this.