

**“Light In The Darkness”**  
**Growth Group notes ~ Stephen Brockett 09/12/18**

*[Each main section here has a helpful overview to begin with before the questions]*

**Isaiah 9.1-7**

1. What struck you most from Stephen’s sermon?
2. **REJOICE: The light has arrived! (v.1-4)**
  - [*Isa 2 & 8* reveal that the ‘light’ is also God’s Word; Stephen retold Nehemiah’s story, where the Word was preached and His people rejoiced]
  - When have you experienced joy at hearing/reading God’s Word?
  - What has robbed you of this joy?
3. **REJOICE: The enemy is defeated! (v.3-5)**
  - [*1 Jn 3.8 & Heb 2.14-15* reveal Jesus came to defeat the devil; Stephen retold Gideon’s story from *Judges 6-7*, where an amazing defeat of the enemy involved light piercing the darkness]
  - How does this truth help you in everyday life? Do you consciously remember it, or is it something that can be easily forgotten?
4. **REJOICE: The Jesus is the Light! (v.6-7)**
  - [*John 12.46-47* reveals that Jesus is the coming Light which Isaiah foresaw; Stephen retold the story of Jesus and the woman caught in adultery, where He dealt with every accusing finger]
  - Put yourself in the woman’s place and discuss how you would have felt through each moment in that story.
  - Now apply it to your own situation - what can you learn from this?