

4. The Narrow Body

Discuss

What brought you to Norwest Anglican? How are you involved in the life of the body here?

Who taught you about Christian giving? How important is that to you?

Mission

Building and equipping from God's word; loving, servant-hearted and sending communities of mature believers who are active in communicating God's Great News about the Lord Jesus Christ.

Read John 1:1-14

These verses give a high and exalted view of Jesus. List some of the many things they say about Christ.

When a tiny light is switched on in a pitch black room it is no longer completely dark. What is the relationship between light and mission of Christ?

Read John 8:12

.. I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

This is a wonderful memory verse. Take two or three minutes to see if you can learn it by heart. Practice it in your groups.

Some people are drawn to light. Others hide from it. What might make the difference for whether you are drawn to Jesus or repelled by Jesus?

What is the great promise of this verse?

Read Matthew 5:14-16

These words are part of the Sermon on the Mount where Jesus is addressing His followers and a larger crowd is listening on.

Jesus says *You are the light of the world.* In John 8 He says *I am the light of the world.* What's the difference?

What practical ways can we be a light to the world? Tell us a time when you know you have brought Christ's light into the world

What is the very important result of us shining as we should?

Reflect on Our Vision and Mission Statements Above

What would the characteristics of a mature believer be? How might it show in attendance; giving; serving; gifts; unity;

Our mission is meant to be broad enough to recognise ministry that happens amongst our members beyond our church. How might that happen?

Pray

- Praise God for shining the light of Christ into our very dark world.
- Pray that our church family would shine brightly for Christ in the communities where we have influence.
- For growing maturity in Christ for yourself; your group and our wider church family.
- For growth in our church family in serving; giving; and faithfulness in meeting together.