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*2Corinthians 4:6 - For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

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*1 John 5:10 - Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. (ESV)*

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*Matthew 5:7 - “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. (ESV)*

4. Our Light must be a \_\_\_\_\_ Bearer.

*Hebrews 13:15 - Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. (ESV)*

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5. Our light should produce \_\_\_\_\_. To live in the light is to live by the revealed will of God.

*1Peter 1:23 - since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; (ESV)*

*1Peter 2:2 - Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— (ESV)*

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*John 12:32 - And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”*

*John 12:35-36 - So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going.<sup>36</sup> While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.” (ESV)*

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