

## **24/7 THE BEGINNING LIGHT**

*Let these lights in the sky shine down on the earth. And that is what happened. God made two great lights, the sun and the moon—the larger one to govern the day, and the smaller one to govern the night. He also made the stars. God set these lights in the sky to light the earth, to govern the day and night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. GENESIS 1:15-18 NLT*

### **1. God created light to change the world**

*You light a lamp for me. The LORD, my God, lights up my darkness. PSALM 18:28 NLT*

*Light shines in the darkness for the godly. They are generous, compassionate, and righteous. PSALM 112:4 NLT*

### **2. Jesus called the church light**

*You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father. MATTHEW 5:14-16 NLT*

### **3. Jesus called His followers to be lights**

*For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him. Do everything without complaining and arguing, so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people. PHILIPPIANS 2:13-15 NLT*

#### **We are called to...**

- **Separate from the darkness**

*For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light! EPHESIANS 5:8 NLT*

*For you are all children of the light and of the day; we don't belong to darkness and night. 1 THESSALONIANS 5:5 NLT*

*If anyone claims, "I am living in the light," but hates a Christian brother or sister, that person is still living in darkness. 1 JOHN 2:9 NLT*

- **Know the light**

*Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path. PSALM 119:105 NLT*

*The teaching of your word gives light, so even the simple can understand. PSALM 119:130 NLT*

- **Teach others about the true light**

*The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. JOHN 1:9 NLT*

*The people who walk in darkness Will see a great light; Those who live in a dark land, The light will shine on them. ISAIAH 9:2 NASB*