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DWELLING IN THE WORD

A devotional resource for committees & teams

Psalm 27:1-4 (NRSV)

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?
When evildoers assail me
to devour my flesh—
my adversaries and foes—
they shall stumble and fall.
Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.
One thing I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire in his temple.

John 1:1-5 (NRSV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

John 8:12 (NRSV)

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

1. Provide pencils/pens and a copy of this handout to each team member.

2. Read aloud a Scripture passage from the suggestions to the left. Invite listeners to **circle words or phrases** that they notice as the Scripture is read.

3. Allow a few moments of silence for quiet reflection. Then, **share** your observations with each other.

4. If time, invite those present to **respond** to one or more of these questions:

* If I were reading these verses online, which words or phrases would I like to "link" to further information? Further historical information?

* What literary insights (grammar, characters, theme, setting) would help me better understand this passage?

* How do teachings of the Christian faith (perhaps, from a Lutheran perspective) help me better understand this passage?

* What do I hear God saying to me in this passage? Does anything come to mind for the topic before us today?

5. Pause for prayer, giving thanks for God's word shared here today.

What other theme would you like to consider?

*Which Scripture verses could you read?
What questions might you ask?*

