

# Father of Lights

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Vision: Manifesting Christ in  
Many Ways to Many People

Isaiah 9:2 - "The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light has shined.

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Isaiah 9:6 - For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

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James 1: 16 - Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. 18 Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

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## I. Creator God

- a. The "Father of lights" is the originator of all lights. The sun. The moon. The stars. The angels. The galaxies.
  - b. God is the Creator, but Scripture says He is more than just a Creator. He is a Father.
  - c. God did not just create to create, He created to relate.
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## II. Father God

- a. Part of the eternal purpose of God is to be an everlasting Father. (Isaiah 9:6)
  - b. God your Creator desires to become your Father.
  - c. Fatherlessness in our nation
  - d. The Everlasting Father has given a Savior for every statistic.
  - e. The prophet's outcry is against Israel's conformity to the standards of the unbelieving world around them.
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Ezekiel 22:7 - In you they have made light of father and mother; in your midst they have oppressed the stranger; in you they have mistreated the fatherless and the widow.

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- f. We must not make light of the Father's light.
  - g. We must not make light of God's design for marriage and the home - one father and one mother.
  - h. Making light of "father and mother" leads to further fatherlessness.
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## III. The Father's Light

- a. The light of life. (Jn 1:1-4)
    - i. Purpose.
    - ii. Why Question?
  - b. The light of the lamp. (Ps 119:105)
    - i. The Path
    - ii. Direction and guidance
    - iii. What and where questions?
    - iv. Job 12:5
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## IV. Come Out Of Darkness (Isaiah 9:2)

- a. Walking and dwelling in darkness affects our spiritual ability to see and believe.
- b. Cave fish
- c. The religious leaders and majority of the nation of Israel (Mt 12:12-16)
  - i. The light of God's eternal existence. (Rom 1)
  - ii. The light of conscience. (Rom 2)
  - iii. The light of purpose. (Everlasting Father)
  - iv. The light of the path. (Word of God over traditions)
  - v. The light of the perfect gift/person from above. (Isaiah 9:6)
  - vi. The light of the presence. (Holy Spirit)

# WELCOME!

If you have questions, please stop by the NEXT STEPS table in the foyer or look for a team member. If we can help you in any way, please email us at [dwellingplacemovement@gmail.com](mailto:dwellingplacemovement@gmail.com).

Our strategy at DPC: Gather (Gatherings), Group (Connect Groups), Grow (Growth Phases), Give (Giving/Gifting Teams), Go (Outreach)

## GROUP

**Sunday, December 5 + 19 -  
Connect Group Night**

Our connect groups will be meeting all over the area this evening. If you would like to join a connect group, please visit the Next Steps table in the lobby.

**Friday, December 10,  
6:30p - 8:30p**

**DP Ladies Favorites Night**

Join us for a night of fellowship with the ladies! Bring two of your favorite things for the favorites game. Value at \$10 or more each (2 of the same item, \$10 each) Wear your favorite Christmas Pjs and bring your favorite appetizer or dessert to share.

## GATHER

**Sundays in December -  
Lights**

**9:30a + 11:15a**

Although Christmas is about more than the trees, decorations, and presents, Christmas lights are one of the best parts of the season. This series sheds LIGHT on the true meaning of Christmas. Join us all month long as we take another look at the Light of God from Isaiah 9:6.

**Friday, December 24, 3p + 5p  
Christmas Eve**

**Candlelight Gathering**

Join us for a full hour of anointed praise and worship, Christmas carols, communion, and a short message as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ! Experience the breathtaking sight of a sanctuary full of candles. This is a gathering you don't want to miss!

## GROW

**Thursday, January 6, 7p - 9p  
Launch of our Winter**

**Semester of Growth Phases**

Our next session of Growth Phases kicks off on January 6th! Be sure to get signed up now at the Next Steps table.

## GIVE

**"His Blueprint" Capital  
Campaign - He Has Chosen Us!**

We encourage each of you to continue to ask God what He would have you give to our capital campaign!

Goal by June 2022

\$220,000

Commitment Levels:

One time Legacy Gifts

20K - Gold Legacy Gift

10K - Silver Legacy Gift

1K - Precious Stone Legacy Gift

Monthly Pledges

\$500, \$250, \$150, \$50

Did you know you can give via text? Just text any dollar amount to 84321 to give. You will follow a quick, self-guided setup process to tie your mobile phone to our church, your donor account, and a payment source. After that, donating is as easy as sending a text.

## GO

**Be on the lookout for more  
opportunities to serve our  
community in the upcoming  
weeks.**