

# We're so glad you're here today!

Is this your first time here? Welcome! Stop by the Info Spot before or after the service. We'd love to meet you, answer any questions you have, and give you some helpful information. For kids and students, we offer great programs specially tailored to their ages. The Westwood Kids team is happy to help you get them connected. For more info on the great things happening here, check out [westwoodcc.org](http://westwoodcc.org).

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## Leadership Gathering

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Leadership for Where You Are

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Whether you lead in your home, on the job or at Westwood, the Leadership Gathering will help equip you to lead well. Join us for this free event. Childcare is provided. Saturday, February 9, 8:30–11:30am, Chanhassen Campus. Register online.

## Food Pack

Join us for our annual Food Pack on February 22 and 23 at Westwood Chanhassen. Last year more than 250,000 meals were packed and sent to places like Malawi and Mozambique. Register online for a two-hour shift.

— UNSTOPPABLE: THE GOSPEL OF JOHN —

## Hovering Darkness – Triumphant Light

**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup>Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

John 1:1-5

John is inviting you to meet and trust the Jesus you'll encounter in this gospel.

- Jesus is the life- \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jesus is light- \_\_\_\_\_.
- Darkness is a real \_\_\_\_\_.

Why is this so significant for you?

- Jesus gives you something that you could never get on your own
- Jesus gives you a life that is better with Him than without Him
- Jesus shows you where to go when you could never find it on your own

— January 20, 2019 | Joel K. Johnson —

## Bible Reading Plan

Join us in reading the Bible together. The Bible Reading Plan is a way to incorporate reading the Bible into your week. Each day read a passage and take a few moments to reflect. These verses are chosen by our staff and designed to complement the Sunday message.

Reflection questions:

What does it say?

What does it mean?

How can I live this out today?

- John 1:1-3
- John 1:6-8
- John 1:9-13
- John 1:14
- John 1:15-18



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BUT THESE ARE WRITTEN THAT  
YOU MAY BELIEVE  
THAT **JESUS** IS  
THE MESSIAH, THE  
**SON OF GOD,**  
AND THAT BY BELIEVING  
YOU MAY HAVE  
**LIFE**  
IN HIS NAME.

JOHN 20:31

UNSTOPPABLE



**UNSTOPPABLE #3**  
***Hovering Darkness – Triumphant Light***  
***January 20, 2019***  
***John 1:1-5***

***Small Group Questions***

1. Can you recall a time in your life when the world seemed dark but then something happened to you and light broke into your life? What did you feel?
2. Read John 1:1-5. John tells us Jesus is the Word. In verse 4 we learn Jesus is light. He uses parallelism with light and darkness – what is the parallel to light and what is the implied parallel to darkness?
3. Jesus is the life-giver. John will use the word “life” thirty-six times in the gospel. The Greek word he uses is “zoe” – define what this life is that Jesus gives and how does it differ from another word for life – “bios”?
4. Jesus is the light-bearer. John uses the word “light” twenty-one times in his gospel. This is another hyperlink to Genesis. In the first creation God says, “Let there be light.” So the new creation begins with the entrance of light into the heart of the believer. If you are a believer how is Christ in you like light?
5. Darkness is a real bully. What is darkness trying to do to the light (verse 5)? There is implied here an introduction to Satan as the Power of Darkness (Luke 22:53). How does Satan try to keep people in darkness and why? According to this passage, will darkness succeed?
6. Why is this significant to you? Pastor Joel gave three reasons.
  - a. Jesus gives you something that you could never get on your own. What is it?
  - b. Jesus gives you a life that is better with him than without him. In what ways is your life better with him than without him? Pastor Joel used the analogy of upgrades. What is upgraded in a life with Christ?
  - c. Jesus shows you where to go when you could never find it on your own. Light carries the idea of ‘something that makes vision possible.’ Light gives us the ability to see. Read John 12:46 and John 9:39. Jesus brings us light that restores us from spiritual darkness. Give examples.
7. Recite our theme verse for 2019 – John 20:31