

## 12-25-22 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“The birth of Jesus was not just one and done. He is still God with us. And he keeps appearing to us over and over again, even if we do not know it.”

-*Christine Chakoain*

“Our need for the light no darkness can overcome does not ever go away. The coming of Immanuel does not alter our immediate circumstances so much as upend how we navigate and understand them.”

-*Jill J. Duffield*



John 1:1-14

### Questions for Reflection —

- When did you experience awe and wonder this Christmas? How have you experienced the holy in this season? In what ways has your celebration of Christmas strengthened and/or deepened your relationship with Jesus? How will you continue to celebrate during the Twelve Days of Christmas? What will enable you to keep the spirit of Christmas alive not only throughout the Twelve Days of Christmas but in the year to come?
  
- How have you welcomed Christ anew into your heart this Christmas? What challenges do you face as you seek to clear more space in your life for Jesus? What might help you to make more room in your life for Jesus? What has God birthed within you this Christmas? How will you share God's blessing with those around you?
  
- How/when in the past has Jesus been a source of light and life for you? In what ways are you presently in need of the light no darkness can overcome? How do your Christian faith and your relationship with Jesus help you to understand and to change how you navigate dark times? What does it mean for you to allow Jesus to impart mercy and truth in your life?

### Daily Household Prayer

Send, O God, into the darkness of this troubled world, the light of your Son. Let the star of your hope touch the minds of all people with the bright beams of mercy and truth; and so direct our steps that we may ever walk in the way revealed to us, as the shepherds of Bethlehem walked with joy to the manger where he dwelled, who now and ever reigns in our hearts, Jesus Christ. Amen.