**Session 1**

**Theme: Jesus is the Light of the world**

John 1:1-5

**Required resources:**

* Icebreaker PowerPoint questions
* Name labels and pens
* Prayer cards
* Video countdown timer
* Game resources
* Three blindfolds
* Pens and paper
* Prayer stations signs
* Candles
* Candle wax guards
* Lighter

| **Time** | **Who?** | **Item** | **Length** |
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|  |  | **Doors open, Ice breaker questions on screen** | **30 min** |
|  |  | **Meal** | **30 min** |
|  |  | **Video Countdown Timer** | **5 min** |
|  |  | **Game** | **10 min** |
|  |  | **Notices & Encouragements** | **5 min** |
|  |  | Mention prayer cards available on the tables for anyone who wants to write a prayer. | |
|  |  | **Up-front activity** | **7 min** |
|  |  | Ask two / three guests to come to the front. Blindfold them and sit them down at a table. Give them a pen and piece of paper and ask them to draw a table and two chairs. Time them three minutes. At the end, show everyone what has been drawn. Ask what would have made it easier for them to do the drawings. Make sure you use words like ‘light’ and ‘dark’ etc. | |
|  |  | **Table discussion** | **8 min** |
|  |  | Ask table groups to discuss why light is important. Then feedback. | |
|  |  | **Led from the front activity** | **10 min** |
|  |  | Explain that the bible teaches us that Jesus is often called the Light of the World, and that his light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never been able to put his light out. Then ask the question, ‘why is Jesus like light and in what way does Jesus’ light help us?’ Take answers from individual guests without them first going into groups. Feedback and do a brief ‘summing-up’ talk at the end of this section. | |
|  |  | **Whole congregation activity** | **5 min** |
|  |  | Explain that on one side of the room, are four prayer stations, each one representing a different way that Jesus’ light might help us in our lives. Invite people to come up to one station that best fits their personal situation, light a candle, and bring that candle back to their seat. Explain that when everyone who wants to, has done that, that we are going to turn down the lights and say a special prayer to finish the evening.  **Note: Prayer stations:** Jesus’ light helps us to overcome dark things in our lives  Jesus’ light shows us the way to God  Jesus’ light gives us life worth living  Jesus’ light helps us to not be afraid | |
|  |  | **Lights down, pray and finish** | **2 min** |
|  |  | **End** |  |