



SUNRISE FROM ON HIGH

MALACHI 4:1-5; JOHN 1:4-6

GETTING STARTED

- Talk about a time you received something unexpected for Christmas.

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Before you begin: *Open with prayer and spend a minute or two in silence before God. Have multiple people ask the Holy Spirit to enter your time together and illuminate your hearts and minds to scripture.*

- Have someone read the passages in their entirety aloud. As a group, summarize the passage, and as you do so, note any observations, questions, and exciting insights you found while reading through the text. What jumped out at you? What was something you noticed now that you didn't see before?
- In Malachi, the passage talks about the coming of Elijah. Who was Elijah? How come God was going to send him to his people?
- In John, he states that in Jesus was life and that life was the light of mankind. What does he mean by this phrase?
- What does the scripture communicate about light and darkness?
- John notes that John the baptizer is sent from God. Wasn't that supposed to be Elijah?

WRAPPING UP

- Where are you reminded about of the truth that Jesus brings this advent season?