*1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.   
 6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. 8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.*

Sermon Outline

* Sent to bear witness to the light  
  + Embracing our missionary identity
  + Facing our obstacles
* How do we bear witness to the light?   
  + *“His house was open for his disciples and family to come, eat, play music, sing together, discuss, laugh, and tell stories on Friday nights. This took place every week and had such an atmosphere that they became a piece of home for us, as well.*” – Otto Dudzus (friend of Dietrich Bonhoeffer)
* The purpose: so that all might believe
* Avoiding the extremes  
  + We are not the light
  + Yet God willuse us to make himself known