

Leaders:

1. Consider spending a few minutes asking about how “Fasting Friday” has been going.
2. Please see last Friday’s SG Newsletter for information about the “Neighbor Dinner Challenge” and discuss with your group.

### **LEARN**

Read Matthew 5:14-16 together. What stands out from the text and from Sunday’s sermon as encouraging/challenging/helpful?

Read 1 John 1:5, Psalm 119:105, and John 8:12. Why is it essential to know we reflect God’s light? (We’re like the moon reflecting the light of the sun. We must repeatedly come to the source of light to shine well.)

“Y’all are the light of the world.” In what ways can the community of the church shine the light of Christ differently than one person can?

(The cumulative effect of individuals coming together is a brighter light. The attractive nature of a visible, strong testimony in the community reaches more people than any individual by themselves.)

### **PRACTICE**

Pastor Scott listed 4 intentional ways of letting your light shine.

(Hospitality, compassion/service/generosity, invitation, proclamation)

- Which of these 4 were most compelling to you? Why?
- Which was most intimidating and/or which do you need to grow in? Why?
- What do we as a small group think of the “Neighbor Dinner” Idea?

(Leaders: Share the 2 ideas provided, and encourage creativity in this. If you have overall agreement about doing the neighbor dinner challenge, capitalize on the momentum by setting a date during group.)

### **CHANGE**

What’s dimming your light in the world? Pastor Scott referenced 4 possibilities. Discuss those and any others that keep you personally from reflecting God’s light in the world, and pray for God to renew your mind and transform your heart to shine bright consistently.

(The 4: Fear of man, hypocrisy, perceived ignorance, pride. Others could include prayerlessness and/or no time in Word and personal worship; not staying near the Source of light, God himself.)