



INTRODUCTION

Jesus calls his followers to “be the light” in a world that is broken and full of darkness. In order to shine brightly for Jesus, we have to be willing to step forward into the world we live in.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is your most vivid memory as a child in a dark place (cave, tunnel, blackout)? What feeling do you associate with darkness?
2. Read **Matthew 5:14-16**. Name some characteristics of light. Why does Jesus call you and me light of the world?
3. In what ways are you tempted to keep your light hidden? What is to be the purpose of letting our light shine?
4. Do your good works cause people to give glory to God or to yourself?
5. Read **John 8:12**. What is Jesus really claiming in this verse? What is his promise? What does Jesus mean by “light” and “darkness”?
6. How would you describe the light of your life: More like a flickering candle? A steady campfire? A blazing furnace? How can you add fuel to the fire?

MOVING FORWARD

Are you focused on those outside of God’s kingdom who need to hear about him? Do you have time/opportunities to be with those outside of the church? If so, do you feel like God is using that time? If not, how can you make some margin in your life for this to happen?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it. John 1:4-5



Be the Light

MATTHEW 5:16

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