

“Shine On”

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“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” Mt. 5:14 - 16

1. **Jesus is** the light of the world!

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning...In Him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.” Jn. 1:1-5

- The light is **alive**
- The light is **the Word**
- The light is **life**
- Though the light shines it is not **understood**

2. **We are** the light of the world!

“Then He began to teach them saying...” Matt 5:14

- Blessed are the **gentle/meek** (v5), **the merciful** (v7), and **the peacemakers** (v9)
- **You are** the light of the world (v14)

“You have heard that it was said... But I tell you...” Matt 5:38-41

- If anyone slaps you, **turn the other cheek**
- If anyone forces you to go a mile, **go with them two miles**
- If anyone sues you for your shirt, **give them your coat as well**

“You have heard that it was said, Love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your father in heaven...” Matt 5:43-45

3. You are light to **bring glory** to the Light

“Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.” Dan. 12:3

1. Let your light shine **before men**
2. A city on a hill **cannot be hidden**
3. We don't need **more light**; we need **more surrender**

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise." Prov. 11:30

Discussion Starters for your Groups InCommon

1. Share an experience you've had to bring someone to Jesus
2. How did someone shine the light which allowed you to "see" and come to Jesus?
3. What could "shining your light" look like in your world?
4. Take a second look at Prov. 11:30. What is wise about winning souls?