

- I. The *_world_* is a *_dark_* place, *_again_* Matt 5:13
- A. It's "as it *_was_* in the *_beginning_*" Gen 1:1-4;
John 1:1-9;
1 John 1:5
- B. *_So_*, He sent the *_light_*
again John 8:12; 9:5;
John 12:35-36a, 46
- II. Now, Jesus' *_disciples_* are the *_light_* of the
world
- A. Where *_Jesus_* *_dwells_*,
there is *_light_* Matt 17:1; Acts 2:3-4;
John 12:35-36a;
II Cor 4:6; Eph 5:8-14;
I Pet 2:9; James 1:17
- B. The *_sons_* of *_light_* are
God's plan to *_shine_* the
truth John 1:4; Phil 2:12-16a
- III. Let your light *_shine_* John 3:19-21; Matt 5:9-12
- A. *_Put_* it on a *_stand_* Isa 58:6-12
- B. When the *_light_* *_shines_*,
people *_praise_* our *_Father_* Mark 2:10-12; Luke 7:16;
Luke 18:43; Eph 2:10

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

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2. Can you, as a group, connect the idea from our verses, “the light of the world”, with any other biblical passages or stories? (e.g. who else in the Bible is called the light of the world, when did God send light into the world, etc.)
3. Who are the “you” to whom Jesus is referring in these verses? What qualifies them to be the “light of the world”?
4. What, in the beatitudes which precede these verses, makes these people full of light? (Note also: what is the first thing listed in the beatitudes which flows out of filled disciples?)
5. What is the command Jesus gives in these verses? How does He intend that command to be fulfilled in our lives?
6. What “good deeds” have you personally seen for which you can “give praise to your Father in heaven”?
7. Why would someone seek to “hide his light”, keeping the world from seeing it?
8. Can you share any “light shining” you have personally done recently? Do you have any plans to do so?
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