

Week 1: Salt & Light

(Matthew 5:13-16)

What is the Nature of Light?

What is the Source of Light?

How Does God's Light Impact Us?

How Are We to Live as Light?

Exercise 1:

- On a scale of 1-10, How **strong** and **pure** is your light? (brilliance/luminance)
- On a scale of 1-10, How **visible** is your light (inside/outside the church)? (availability)
- What **obscures** your light?
- What steps can you take to improve the **strength** and **visibility** of God's light in your life?

Principle 1- Being God-Centered

Principle 2 - Being Gospel-Centered

Exercise 2:

- Neighbor: "I'm curious, how does someone become a Christian?" What is your response?
How do you explain the Gospel in your own words?

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(Scripture)

Psalms 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Psalms 119:130 The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.

Proverbs 20:27 The spirit of man is the lamp of the LORD, searching all his innermost parts.

Isaiah 49:6 I will make you a light to the Gentiles.

Matthew 5:13-16 ¹³ “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. ¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

John 8:12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”

John 9:5 “As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

John 12:46 “I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.”

John 17:14-19 ¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵ I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

1 Corinthians 11:1 And you should imitate me, just as I imitate Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:6 “God has made this light shine in our hearts.”

2 Corinthians 12:9 But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Ephesians 2:4-6 ⁴ God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, ⁵ that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) ⁶ For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 5:8 So live as people of light!

Hebrews 1:3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature.