

Living As Light Series

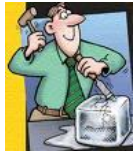
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Living As Light: The Quiet Transforming Power Of Light

[Matthew 5:14-16](#); [John 9:5](#); [Revelation 22:16](#); [Acts 13:47](#); [Matthew 5:14-16](#); [Acts 26:18](#); [Matthew 5:38-48](#); [1 Peter 2:19-25](#); [1 Peter 3:1-6](#); [1 Peter 3:7](#); [1 Peter 3:8-9](#); [Matthew 4:16](#), (cf. [Isaiah 9:2](#))

Small Group Questions, Study, Discussion & Prayer (*Do NOT use all the questions, pick a few to discuss; use your own material*).



Ice Breaker: (Introduction, 5 – 10 minutes)

1. Reflection: Most of us have had the experience of a power outage for a few days.
2. Discussion: What were some of the challenges that you faced during the outage? What were some of the benefits of the outage?
3. Discussion: During a power outage, what are some of the essentials that everyone tries to ensure are kept in place? Why these essentials? Just how important are these essentials? What is gained or lost in regard to essentials?



Dig: (Bible Study, 20 – 25 minutes)

1. One of the first things Jesus teaches his disciples to be is “light.” Why might this be the case?
2. Why doesn’t Jesus have his disciples “work-up” to being “light?” Why does he start by declaring that they are light?
3. Discussion: A good friend of mine often talks about the difference between “trying” and “training;” discuss.
4. According to John 9:5, how long is Jesus the light of the world?
5. In the night sky, what purpose does the bright morning star serve to mankind? How does this help us understand Jesus as our bright Morning Star?
6. What is the goal of Jesus’ disciples according Matthew 5:14-16; Acts 13:47; Acts 26:18? (Make a list; discuss how the church might make improvements in this area).
7. In Matthew 5:38-48, what kind of person is ill treating God’s people? What kind of an attitude and action should the Christian have in light ill treatment from others?
8. In 1 Peter 2:19-25, what is it that is commendable for the Christian? When a Christian suffers unjustly, to whom should he entrust himself? How does all this honor God?
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Application: (Living what we learn, 20 – 25 minutes)

1. Life is very real for us. Often times a wife may find herself married to a man who is conducting himself in a manner less than that which is acceptable before the Lord. According to 1 Peter 3:1-6, what should a wife’s attitude and conduct be in such a situation? In what areas does God’s word instruct her to give more attention, less attention, specific things to do, or not to do? What two things are accomplished by the godly woman’s attitude and actions? (Hint: One thing for the man, one thing for the woman).
2. According to 1 Peter 3:7, is there a difference in attitude and action for the husband towards his wife, or is it the same? Both the husband and the wife are heirs of what? What does all this have to do with the success of our prayers offered up to the Father?
3. According to 1 Peter 3:8-9, who else should have such attitudes and actions? What is the goal of all this? (vs. 9)
4. Make a list of all the qualities that people of light should have in their lives as recorded in 1 Peter 3:1-9. How are you as a wife, a husband, a Christian, a man or a woman at consistently living out these qualities in your relationships? Who do you have in your small group that can help you to continue your growth in this area?
5. How do all these things play back into the disciples of Christ being light in Matthew 5:14-16?



Prayer: (Seeking God’s direction & blessing for our lives as we learn to be followers of Jesus, 5 – 10 minutes)