

Be the LIGHT

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP QUESTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 9, 2016

TOPIC/THEME: “Let Your Light Shine” Part 2 - God has given us the boldness to shine.

MAIN TEACHING PASSAGE: Matthew 5:14-16, Act 4:1-31

Additional Verses: Mark 6:50; Genesis 15:1; Genesis 21:17; Isaiah 41:14; Proverbs 3:25-26; Luke 1:13, 30; Luke 2:10

POSSIBLE ICE BREAKERS:

- #1 - What is the biggest risk (or most dangerous) you’ve ever taken/done?
- #2 - What’s the scariest (or most difficult) thing you’ve ever been asked to do?

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION: *Feel free to use whatever questions here you think best apply to your group. Remember the goal is go deeper in discussion and help the students to take the next step in their faith. All of these questions should help you get to the application of the lesson for each individual. The application may be different for each person in the group based on where they are at spiritually. Be sure to work from head to heart to hands!*

HEAD QUESTIONS: *Use these questions to get people talking, everyone answers based on their knowledge & understanding of the topic*

- *How does God give us His boldness?
- *Why is having a bold light a good thing? How might it be a bad thing?
- *In our story tonight (Acts 4) what did Peter & John do in order to be bold? (see v. 8, 13, 20, 29 & 31)
- *Pick one OT & one NT passage from the “Additional Verses” section above. What common themes do you see about fear? Be sure to look specifically at the reasons given to not fear.
- *What are some affects of having a bold light? (Physically & spiritually)
- *What did you learn (or re-learn) from tonight’s lesson?
- *In your own words, what would you say was the main point of the lesson?

HEART QUESTIONS: *Use these questions to go deeper, answers should be specific to each individual rather than generic and in theory.*

- *What did you hear God saying to you tonight?
- *What dark places do you spend time in that God wants you to be a light? Are there others there who can be a light? What kind of impact could you and/or them have by letting your light shine?
- *How can you follow the model of being bold that Peter & John gave us in Acts 4?
- *Pick one OT & one NT passage from the “Additional Verses” section above. In the same way, what might God be telling you not to fear and what reason(s) would He give you to not fear?
- *Why are you afraid to be bold for God?
- *What is something that you know God is asking you to do that you need boldness for?

HANDS QUESTIONS: *Use these questions to create application and action using what we’ve learned and discussed. Be specific about your plans and invite accountability & prayer to help affect change.*

- *What’s something specific you can commit to do this week because of what we discussed tonight?
- *What can we do this week to hold you accountable and to encourage you in your commitments this week?
- *What do you need to **start** doing in order to be more bold?
- *What do you need to **stop** doing in order to be more bold?
- *What do you need to **keep** doing in order to be more bold?

RESOURCES: *Here are some additional resources that might be helpful to you as you prepare or if someone in your group wants to research deeper on this topic.*

- *What does the Bible say about courage (boldness)?* - <https://gotquestions.org/Bible-courage.html>