

TOPIC/THEME: "Let Your Light Shine" - God has given us the power to shine.

MAIN TEACHING PASSAGE: Matthew 5:14-16, Acts 1:8

Additional Verses: Isaiah 40:29-31; 2 Corinthians 12:9; 2 Timothy 1:6-7; Luke 6:17-19; Luke 9:1-6; Ephesians 3:20;

Psalm 68:35

POSSIBLE ICE BREAKERS:

#1 - What is the greatest feat of strength you've ever seen? Could be a professional athlete, moment in your own life or someone you know personally.

#2 - What are your greatest strengths as an individual?

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 power?
- *Why is having a powerful light a good thing? How might it be a bad thing?
- *What are some affects of having a powerful 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 would it look like for you to allow God's power to shine more brightly in and through you?
- *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?
- *What would the dark places look like if your light was more powerful on a more consistent basis?
- *What source do you usually draw your power from? What does it depend on and why?
- *Why do you think that God has given us the Holy Spirit? Is it more than just for power? (See John 16:5-15)
- *What things hinder you from tapping into the power of the Holy Spirit?
- *In what ways do you need the power of the Holy Spirit to help you this week?

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?
- *How can you allow God's power to shine more brightly in and through you this week?
- *Who is someone that you need to share the gospel with this week?
- *What can we do this week to hold you accountable and to encourage you in your commitments this week?

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 is the power of the Holy Spirit? - https://gotquestions.org/power-Holy-Spirit.html