

TOPIC/THEME: "City on a Hill"

MAIN TEACHING PASSAGE: Matthew 5:14-16

Additional Verses: Romans 8:9; Acts 2:42-47; Proverbs 27:17; Matthew 18:20; Hebrews 10:24-25; 1 Corinthians

12:12-31; Ephesians 4:11-12; James 5:16

## **POSSIBLE ICE BREAKERS:**

#1 - Who is your best friend and why?

#2 - What are some traits/characteristics that a best friend must have?

**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

- \*In your opinion what is the effectiveness of lights that shine from above? (ceiling lights, lamps, etc.)
- \*What is the significance of having a city on a hill?
- \*What impacted you about the Christmas lights illustration? Why?
- \*Is one light shining better than many? Why or why not?
- \*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?
- \*What would happen if you didn't allow your light to shine? What would the impact be on the world around you?
- \*Why do you need other lights to be around you?
- \*What impact do others have on you positive and negative? How should that be different?
- \*Read Hebrews 10:24-25 what does that mean to you? What benefits have you seen from meeting together?

**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?
- \*Who is another believer that you need to (and will) encourage to shine for Christ? What does that look like?
- \*Who is another believer that you need to (and will) allow to encourage you to shine for Christ? What does that look like/require of you?

**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.

- Why is church attendance (or going to church) important? https://gotquestions.org/church-attendance.html
- What is the value of having a church family? https://gotquestions.org/church-family.html