

TOPIC/THEME: "Under A Basket?" - God has put you in a position to shine.

MAIN TEACHING PASSAGE: Matthew 5:14-16, 2 Corinthians 5:20

Additional Verses: Galatians 5:22-23; Matthew 6:2-5, 16; Mark 7:20-23; 1 Peter 2:1; Matthew 7:23; 1 John 1:8-9;

POSSIBLE ICE BREAKERS:

#1 - What was the best halloween costume you ever wore?

#2 - What is your greatest fear?

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

- *What does it mean to be an ambassador for Christ?
- *Why is a light on a stand better than a light under a basket?
- *What are benefits of being in the light? Are there benefits to being in darkness? (Discuss 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.

- *Did you agree or disagree with anything that was said tonight? Why?
- *What did you hear God speaking to you about 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 things prevent you from letting your light shine?
- *Do you try to hide Jesus from others in your life? If so, when, where and why do you do that?
- *Do you try to show Jesus to others in your life? If so, when, where and why do you do that?
- *Why is being an ambassador for Christ so important?

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 you can commit to do this week to
- *Where is a place that you can commit to be a light/ambassador for Christ this week?
- *What do you need to change in your life in order to be a light/ambassador for Christ?
- *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 a hypocrite? Are all Christians hypocrites? https://gotquestions.org/Christians-hypocrites.html
- Why are Christians so judgmental? https://gotquestions.org/Christians-judgmental.html
- What does it mean to be an ambassador for Christ? https://gotquestions.org/ambassador-for-Christ.html