

SHARE Group Discussion Guide

Light of the World

Getting Started

Pair off with someone who you don't know really well. Spouses are not allowed to be partners. Let each person take turns (for 2 minutes each) talking about your family. Where were you born? What was it like growing up in your family?

Now let each person take turns (for 2 more minutes each) talking about what it is like to be a part of your church family? What means a lot to you about being a part of this community?

Getting Into the Text

Read the text: Matthew 5:14-16

What does it mean to be the light of the world?

In what context does Jesus tell us to let our light shine? Why is this important for us to remember the context?

What type of good deeds is Jesus talking about here?

Going Deeper

When is it most difficult to "let our light shine?"

What are some "bowls" or "bushels" or "baskets" that prevent our light from shining?

How does being a diverse, yet unified group of believers glorify God? Does being united in spite of differences qualify as a "good deed before mankind?" Why / why not?

Taking it Home

What is the "light" that our congregation shines for our community to see? How can we improve our light?

What do you need to change personally that might be dimming our congregation's light?