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Go Light Your World

Matthew 5:13-16

The second metaphor Jesus uses is light. “You are light of the world.” Once again, Jesus tells His believers we are to influence the world. Calling His disciples to be light in the world, implies the world is a dark place. It is a dark place because man’s heart is exceedingly wicked. Instead of recoiling and retreating from the darkness, we are told to shine our light into the darkness. Our light penetrates the darkness everywhere we go. That makes believers oases of light in a dark world. Just as physical light is indispensable to the world, your spiritual light as believer in Jesus Christ is also indispensable to the world.

Outline:

1. Believers are light in a dark world.
2. Believers shine our light to overcome the darkness.
 - Illuminate the way to Jesus
 - Radiate our light to the world
 - Reveal the way to live in the world
3. Believers must not hide our light from the world.

Additional Verses:

Jeremiah 17:9

Matthew 15:18-20

John 1

John 8:32

Romans 10:14-17

For all 5 verses of “The Star”

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/45316/the-star-56d224c697fbe>

Study Questions:

1. “Everyone is basically good.” How is that statement in conflict with what the Bible teaches? What do you see occurring in the world that validates the truth of the Bible?

2. How would you say to someone who claims, “All religions lead to the same place”? What Bible verses would you point them to? What ways are you illuminating the way to Jesus?

3. How do you radiate as a believer in Jesus? Do people in your sphere of influence know that you are a Christian? What do they see in your life that validates your claim?

4. What good works are you performing in your life to point people to God? How has this impacted the people and world around you?

5. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?