

SHINE

Matthew 5:14 – 16
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MESSAGE NOTES

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. — Matthew 5:14–16 (ESV)

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven...

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

— Matthew 5:3 – 10 (ESV)

- **Shine for Christ in our World.**

— Matthew 5:14 (ESV)

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” — John 8:12 (ESV)

I have come as a light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in Me will no longer remain in the dark. — John 12:46 (NLT)

- **Shine for Christ in our cities.**

— Matthew 5:14 (ESV)

- **Shine for Christ in our homes.**

— Matthew 5:15 (ESV)

— Matthew 5:16 (ESV)

— Matthew 5:14 – 16 (ESV)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Describe some times in life when having a source of light in a dark place changes everything.

- What key truth did you take away from the teaching this week?
- Would you pause for a moment and pray for some of our global partners? You can find them by name at encounterlife.org/global-partners/
- Read Matthew 5:14. What does it mean for ENCOUNTER to be “a light on a hill” in our communities? What is a way we could impact your city or neighborhood in the coming year?
- What are some practical ways we can be a counterculture of grace, truth and light in our world, cities or homes?
- Read Matthew 5:15. How do we sometimes “cover” the light of Christ in the place we live and work with family and friends? Discuss ways you could shine for Christ in your personal living situation.
- Read Matthew 5:14 – 16 out loud and then pray for all the people who will be coming to our Christmas Eve celebrations.