



## Sermon Questions: *Light*

Date: *November 7, 2021* | Scripture: *Matthew 5:14-16*

1. What is the relationship of Jesus' disciples to the world, according to verse 14?
2. What does it mean that followers of Jesus *are* the light, rather than 'should be' or 'could be'?
3. How could we misunderstand the purpose of our identity, according to verse 15?
4. What does verse 16 demand of us as a church, a CG, and as individuals? And how does the end of the verse keep us from straying into good-works-moralism?
5. How could we bring light to darkness in a tangible way this week? Consider the examples from the sermon as a starting point:
  - coffee with a lonely person,
  - inviting a grieving person for thanksgiving,
  - asking an isolated student to eat lunch at your table,
  - showing generosity to people experiencing poverty.

### *Inward Grace in Action*

*The questions below are a little more intimate and are meant to be discussed with a trusted friend or partner, rather than the whole group.*

1. Jesus has overcome the darkness, but as we wait for his return the darkness can seem overwhelming. We can't do everything, but must do something. How has the Lord gifted you to shine light in the darkness? How could you step into that calling this week?
2. Where are you experiencing darkness that you need help with? Can your CG help you in your vulnerability?

### **WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK**

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

*Reflect* on these Scriptures:

- Genesis 1:1-5
- Ecclesiastes 4:1-8
- Isaiah 9:2-7
- John 12:27-36
- Ephesians 5:6-21
- Revelation 21:22-27

*Listen* to the Spotify playlist, [The Storytelling Savior: Parables in the Gospel of Matthew](#)

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