



## **Sermon Discussion Guide**

**Date:** December 15, 2024

**Sermon Series:** The Light (4 parts)

**Preacher:** Hector

**Scripture:** Matthew 5:13-16

### **SERIES SUMMARY**

The imagery of **light** is used in the Bible in several ways. The authors communicate that Jesus is the light and his message is light in our darkness. These same authors teach that by walking in faith according to the Scriptures, Christians are transformed by His message and are made ministers of His light. Finally, we see that the glory of Christ will be our light for all eternity. Because **light** touches on major tenants of the Christian faith, this Christmas season, we have the opportunity to share the Gospel through the biblical theme of light, (1) as we are encouraged by the light of His coming, (2) as we walk in His light, (3) as we labor to be a minister of His light, and (4) as we hope in the eternal light that is coming. These are the 4 main points of the series.

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**Big Idea:** With the light of Christ's presence and the light of His message, you are the light of the world

Intro: Recall and share a time when you came across something (a tool, program, mechanism, other?), for which you did not know it's intended use and purpose. How did that lack of knowledge affect your appreciation, use, and enjoyment of the tool?

#### **READ Matthew 5:13-16**

1. How does this passage relate to the intro question?
2. What do you make of Jesus declaration "you **are** salt... you **are** light." (As opposed to you will be, should be, may be, etc..?)
  - o In what sense then, does Jesus warn about salt losing its saltiness, or a light being hidden?
3. In the passage, for what purpose has God made us salt and light?
4. What would it look like for you to have your life shaped by this passage today, this week, etc..?
  - o Another way to ask that - "What are you going to do with the truth of Jesus?"
5. Interact with the following quote from the sermon, (paraphrased)
  - o *Maybe don't think about changing the world, just start with changing your heart and mind.*
6. This Christmas season, who are you praying for - that God would enable them to see, know, and walk in the light? How might God use you to be the light to them, specifically, in *light* of this passage? Pray!