**We Are the Light of the World!**

Matthew 5:14 -16

We know that God offers His grace to us (empowerment) to be and to do His will. Scripture tells us that He wants us to share the good news of the gospel with others. Christ declared that we are the light of the World. How can we shine in this dark World?

**I. What is Our Strategy?**

1. **Separate** (II Corinthians 6:16-17) **-** Stay Clear!
2. **Assimilate** (I Hezekiah 3:12) - Jump In!
3. **Permeate** (Matt. 5:16) - Shine Bright!

**II. Who is the Source?**

1. **Christ is the Light** (John 8:12) -

1. **We are the Light** (Matt. 5:14) -
2. **We Reflect the Savior** (II Cor. 3:18) -

**III. How Do We Shine?**

1. **Don’t Hide** (Matt. 5:15) **-**
2. **Don’t Smoke** (John 15:5) **-**
3. **Don’t** **Blind** (Matt. 10:8)-

We have seen that Christ has delegated His mission of redemption to us, His children. He wants us to be so filled with His presence (light) that we push back the darkness and bring the light of the Gospel to a lost World. This little light of mine…

**Going Deeper:**

1. **Repeat:** When you hear that you are God’s means of bringing others to Himself, what feelings does it evoke in you? Does that excite you, or would you say you feel a bit apprehensive?
2. When you think about “letting your light shine” in your world, what might that look like? In what ways can you be a positive witness for Christ?
3. Have you ever felt the Holy Spirit prompt you to talk with someone about spiritual matters? Do you feel prepared to speak into an opportunity like this?
4. Was there someone God used to speak truth into your life? Did God put someone in your life to direct you to Himself?
5. Have you ever experienced the Spirit working behind the scenes to convince someone of their need of Christ? Did He do that with you?
6. **Personal:** Since Christ has commissioned us to “be a light for Him,” and He has given us His power to do so, who might He be wanting you to influence?

**Questions for Our Kids:**

1. Have you ever been in a really really dark place (a cave, a room without windows)? What was it like? How did it make you feel when someone turned on a light?
2. Jesus said that we are the “light of the World” – what do you think He meant by this? What are some of the ways we can shine our lights (be an example of Christ’s love to others)?
3. Can you sing the little chorus “This Little Light of Mine with your parents? It talks about letting our life shine in our world. Do you know that you are a little light for Jesus?