



## Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

### Let Your Light Shine February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Matthew 5:13-16

<sup>13</sup> “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. <sup>14</sup> You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

1. Estimate the amount of money that American spend per year on Christmas Light displays, home lights, fireworks, etc. What does that tell you about light?
2. What is your favorite dish to season with a nice layer of salt?
3. Why is it so unbelievable that Jesus calls us “salt and light” in this world?

4. Pure salt can't actually lose its saltiness, but most of the salt we have is mixed with other things. When we think about ourselves, what are some ways that our saltiness might start to diminish? How do we put our light under a bowl?
5. In James 2:17 it says, “Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.” How does this demonstrate the vital nature of **living out** our callings as “salt and light?”
6. Agree or Disagree: Personally, it is easier for me to let my light shine in this world in other ways than it is to verbally share my faith with someone.
7. Think of one “Friend Who Needs Jesus” you have and one specific thing you could do to let your personal light shine to him or her in the coming week.
8. We certainly have room for growth and encouragement in our personal witnessing. Share a “light shining” story that might have felt to you like a total flop or one that seemed like it had great results.
9. One of the hardest things to do is make the transition from normal chit-chat to personal witnessing. Is there a particular way of “turning the conversation” that you have found that you could share with the group?