

Abundant Kingdom Living, Faithful Presence

For the week of March 1, 2020

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GOAL:

To understand and practice the discipline of being the “light” of this earth.

GET GOING:

- William Booth, the founder of Salvation Army would go out into the street and shout, “All of you who belong to no one come with me!” What is a popular film that best exemplifies the principle of “light” of this earth living?
- Based on this weekend, light has many different functions. Which of the following characteristics do you gravitate towards the most? Why?
 - Light is powerful. People who struggle with depression are encouraged to bring very bright lights into their homes.
 - Light keeps away crime--One crime fighting tool in cities is to install more street lights.
 - Light brings life--without the sun, all life would die. Provides for plants to have photosynthesis, Vitamin D for us.
 - Light guides us: as in a lighthouse in the fog.
 - Light protects us: see the flashing lights on tall towers? That’s to protect them from aircraft and vice versa.
 - Light inspires: one of the most dramatic parts of the opening ceremonies in the Olympics is the carrying of the torch to light the Olympic Flame.
 - Light (can) provides heat: Fire provides both light and warmth.

Memory Verse

“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.”



KEEP GROWING:

- The word “light” in the Greek is in the present, active, indicative. That simply means that if you are a Christian, you are the light. If someone asked you to describe your light, what would you say? Some examples from the weekend included: a dim flashlight, a supernova, phone light, spotlight, lamp...
- Read Matthew 5:14. How are you encouraged or challenged by the fact that Jesus uses everyday examples of light (city and lamp) to describe how Christian’s should live?
- How does John 8:12 and Ephesians 5:8 remind us that we are not saved by works, but we are saved for works that please God?
- “Salt gives a demonstration of the good we bring to culture; light offers a proclamation for the world to see the light.” Which comes most naturally—demonstration or proclamation? Why? What is one step you can take this week to work on the area that is more challenging?

Bonus Challenge

Read Philippians 2:14-16. Open up a news app and read this week’s headlines. How would “light” like living practically address some of those issues?

