

Disciple's Quest

*If you continue in My word, then you are
truly disciples of Mine.*

John 8:31

January 18, 2026

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Commitments For the Practice of Faithful Christian Living

Part 3: Be Light

Matthew 5:14-16

Main Idea:

Disciples of Jesus are "light" to the world through their lived-out faith and the witness they bear to the Gospel.

Outline:

Understanding our calling as "light."

1) The Meaning

2) The Question

3) The Exclamation

Application – Questions for further contemplation following the message:

#1 As disciples of Jesus, how do we best reflect His light as individuals?

How do we best reflect His light together as a local church?

#2 Dietrich Bonhoeffer argued that "Any community of disciples of Jesus (local church) which wants to be invisible is no longer a community that follows Him." Do you agree? In what way or ways do local churches flee into invisibility?

#3 What are some of the ways our church might be able to unintentionally dim its light?

How can we raise our lamp higher?

#4 How does "letting our light shine before men so that they see our good works" differ from the Pharisees who Jesus rebukes in 23:5 for doing religious works to be seen by men?