

Series: The Spirit of Christmas, Intentionally Christian at Christmas

Sermon: Deciding to Shine Jesus' Light at Christmas

Primary Texts: Matthew 5:14-16; Mark 2:16-17

Discussion guide:

- Read John 1:1-9
 - Why do you think Jesus is “the life of men”?
 - Why do you think Jesus is “the true light”?
 - In what ways has Jesus been a light in your life?
 - What truths has He revealed to you about yourself? Others? The world?
- Read Matthew 5:14-16
 - What is Jesus' over-all message here?
 - What should the statement that “A city on a hill cannot be hidden.” Speak to us?
 - What specifically are supposed to do to let our light shine?
 - Why does it need to be more than good works? (read Romans 10:13-14)
 - In what ways can we do good works that will cause people to think of Jesus?
- Read Mark 2:16-17
 - What is Jesus' over-all message here?
 - Why is it important to meet people where they are at?
 - How did Jesus meet people where they were at here?
- Read Acts 17:13, 22-23
 - How did Paul meet the Athenians where they were at?
 - How can we follow his example in our time?
- Read Acts 13:9-11
 - How did Paul meet Elymas where he was at? How did Paul relate to Elymas?
 - How was the blindness a gift?
 - How can we find common ground with unbelievers? And why is it important to do so?