



DISCUSSION GUIDE

PART 1: Beacon of Hope

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START

There is just something relaxing about a fire. There's nothing like sitting around the fire on that first camping trip of the season, or maybe it's just in a pit in the backyard on a brisk fall night after a long day at work or school. The flickering light draws us in to a place where worries and stress just seem to melt away.

- What do you love most about sitting around a fire?
- How do you like your marshmallows roasted?
- What is it about Jesus that draws you to him?

READ

[Matthew 5:14-16](#) (NIV)

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 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. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

THINK

Jesus was always taking everyday images and applying them to his followers to teach them significant truths. Light is so revealing. Light draws you in. Light let's you know that a city is up ahead, light helps everyone see in the dark around the house. Likewise, we are called to shine light in a dark world. Called to be a beacon of hope.

- How do you consider your life being a light to others?
- Do you tend to let your light shine, or do you tend to try to hide it?

Jesus has called us to be a light through our good deeds. Love in action. When our love is put into action towards those around us we love people, by serving them to Jesus.

- How is love and good deeds connected?
- When was a significant time someone showed you love by serving you?
- How can you serve others and radiate hope this week?

PRAY

Ask God to let you boldly shine your light to those around you. At school, at work, at home, wherever you are.

ACT

This week, be sure to capture someone radiating hope. It could be a friend, a family member, or even a group you are involved in. Take a picture and post using #radiate. Let's continue to shine our lights in a dark world.

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ONE CHURCH. RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE.