

# To Blend In (Shine Bright)

*Jesus Never Said That*

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## OPENING QUESTION

Where do you see God giving you opportunities to “shine” in your everyday life right now—at work, at home, or with friends?

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Main Reading(s):**

Matthew 5:14-16

**Additional Reading(s):**

John 8:12

Isaiah 60:1-3

## KEY TAKE AWAY(S)

**Shine bright and light up** – You *are* the light of the world; when you come to Jesus, his Spirit turns the light on inside you.

**Shine bright and stand out** – Don’t hide your light or tuck it under the “basket” of sin, shame, or fear; bring things into the light and live visibly for Jesus.

**Shine bright and light the way** – Your shining isn’t just for you; it’s to help others see Jesus and find their way to him.

## QUESTIONS

**Shine bright and light up**

- Where have you noticed God “turning the light on” in your life recently—helping you see something differently or more clearly than before?

**Shine bright and stand out**

- In what situations are you most tempted to “hide” your faith or blend in, and what’s one simple way you could choose to stand out for Jesus this week?

**Shine bright and light the way**

- Who in your life might be walking in spiritual “darkness” right now, and what is one practical way you could help light the way toward Jesus for them?

## PRACTICE

### Group Practice

#### 30-Second Spotlight

Go around the circle and let each person answer **one** prompt out loud in about 30 seconds:

“One way I would like to shine more for Jesus this week is...”

No fixing, no advice, no one-upping.

This nudges us slightly out of our comfort zones by being honest in front of each others, but keeps it very simple and safe.

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### Personal Practice

#### One Person, One Light

everyone asks God:

“Jesus, show me **one person** this week I can shine your light to.”

Then look for a simple way to do that—like:

an encouraging text,  
a quick prayer for someone and telling them you prayed,  
a small act of kindness at work or home.

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## CLOSING PRAYER

Jesus, thank You that You are the light of the world and that You invite us to shine with Your light. Help us to bring every dark and hidden place into Your presence so nothing holds back what You want to do through us. Fill us with Your Spirit this week so we can stand out for You and light the way for others to know Your love.