



Turning Point Bible Fellowship

Turning People Towards Christ
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So Shine **Personal or group-based guide for additional study**

Opening Prayer & Icebreaker

Icebreaker Question: Were you afraid of the dark as a child? Are there any "dark" or unknown situations in your life right now that make you anxious?

Key Scripture

Matthew 5:14-16

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

Main Takeaways

1. Understanding Light

- Light makes the unseen seen and the unknown known
- Light gives hope because it provides perspective
- Jesus is the light (John 8:12), but while we're in the world, we are the light (Matthew 5:14)

2. Three Ways to Shine

- Character of Christ: Displaying the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, goodness, meekness, self-control)
- Conduct of Christ: Living out the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-8)
- Conversation of Christ: Sharing the Gospel message

3. Where to Shine

- As a group: Like a city on a hill (collective impact)
 - In our homes: Where God has planted us
 - In public: So others can see our good works
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Discussion Questions

Section 1: Understanding Our Light (15 minutes)

1. How does the metaphor of light helping us "see" connect to how Jesus helps us navigate life's uncertainties?
2. Read John 9:5 together. What does it mean that Jesus passed the responsibility of being "the light of the world" to His followers?
3. The pastor said, "Light is the life of Christ on display." What does that look like practically in everyday life?

Section 2: How We Shine (20 minutes)

4. Of the three C's (Character, Conduct, Conversation), which one comes most naturally to you? Which one is most challenging?
5. The sermon emphasized that we don't have to be copycats—we can shine in our unique way. How has God uniquely shaped you to let your light shine? What gifts, talents, or experiences has He given you?
6. Share an example of someone whose "light" made a difference in your spiritual journey. What specifically did they do?

Section 3: Removing the Basket (20 minutes)

7. What are some "baskets" that people use to cover their light? (Examples: fear, people-pleasing, hiding behind busyness, trying to fit someone else's mold)
8. The David and Goliath armor illustration showed how others can put us in a box. Has anyone ever tried to make you "shine" in a way that didn't fit who God made you to be? How did you respond?
9. The sermon mentioned that hypocrisy is now one of the biggest barriers keeping people from Christ. How can we be authentic about our imperfections while still letting our light shine?



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Section 4: Where We Shine (15 minutes)

10. Read Hebrews 10:23-25. Why is shining together as a group so important? How does gathering together help our individual lights shine brighter?
11. The pastor said, "Shine where God has planted you." Where has God currently planted you (neighborhood, workplace, school, team, etc.)? How can you be more intentional about shining there?
12. How can we let our light shine in our homes, especially if not everyone there is a believer?

Practical Applications

This Week's Challenge:

Choose ONE of the following to practice this week:

Option 1: Character Check

- Pick one fruit of the Spirit to focus on this week. Ask someone close to you to hold you accountable in displaying that characteristic.

Option 2: Shine at Home

- Identify one specific way you can let your light shine in your household this week (showing patience, serving without being asked, starting a conversation about faith, etc.).

Option 3: Remove the Basket

- Identify one "basket" that's been covering your light. Share it with a trusted friend or this group and ask for prayer and accountability to remove it.

Option 4: Share the Gospel

- Pray for one person in your life who doesn't know Christ. Look for an opportunity this week to share your testimony or invite them to church.

Option 5: Shine Where You're Planted

- Write down the places God has currently planted you (work, neighborhood, gym, etc.). Choose one place and intentionally look for ways to display Christ's character, conduct, or conversation there.

Group Reflection

Question for the Group: The pastor shared the story about "the cake" to illustrate that we point people to Jesus, but He gets the glory. Who in your life needs to "taste" Jesus through your witness? How can this group support you in sharing with that person?



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Prayer Focus

Pray together for:

- Courage to let our lights shine without fear or hiding
 - Wisdom to shine in our unique, God-given ways
 - Opportunities to share the Gospel with those in darkness
 - Unity as a church to shine together as a "city on a hill"
 - Specific people group members mentioned who need to know Christ
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Closing Thought

"We don't get the glory for telling them about Jesus. He gets the glory because once they taste Him for themselves, they will know there's no other Savior like Him. There's nobody that can save like Him, love like Him, forgive like Him, heal like Him, provide like Him, protect like Him, or answer prayers like Him."

So shine.

Additional Resources

- Read Matthew 5:1-16 (the full Sermon on the Mount context)
- Study Galatians 5:22-23 (fruit of the Spirit)
- Reflect on Philippians 2:12-16 (shining as lights in the world)