



Morning Star Las Cruces 2025 Discussion Questions

September 7, 2025

Series: Wonder: Approaching Faith with Curiosity and Imagination

Title: Shine Before

Text: Matthew 5:14-16

1. Did you ever take part in a school play, choir or performance as a kid? What do you remember about being in the spotlight, or avoiding it?
2. Who in your life has a way of showing up that makes the world feel a little brighter or kinder? How do they affect those around them?
3. What stood out to you in the message titled "*Wonder: Shine Before?*" Did a word, image or story invite you to think differently about how and why we let our light shine?
4. Read Matthew 5:14-16. What does it mean to hear Jesus say that *you* are the light of the world? How does that shape your sense of identity or purpose?

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5. Jesus calls us to live visibly and faithfully. What sometimes makes that feel risky or difficult?

6. What does it look like to live in a way that points beyond ourselves, to something greater? How can our actions draw others toward hope, healing and wholeness?

7. Read Isaiah 60:1-3. How does this prophetic vision of light rising in darkness deepen your understanding of what it means to shine?

8. Read Philippians 2:14-16. How does Paul describe shining like stars in the world? What attitudes or actions does he link to that kind of witness?

9. Can you identify a place in your life where you sense God is inviting you to have a positive impact? What would that look like in action?

10. How can your group pray for you as you try to live as light in the world, with courage, humility and wonder?

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