



Crosspoint Church

AfterWords

Weekly Study: It's Our Time to Shine



Overview

As we reflect on all God has already done and anticipate what He is about to unfold we are reminded of a powerful truth, **It is our time to shine**. Scripture declares that Jesus is the Light of the World, and because His Spirit lives within us, we are called to reflect His light into a world weighed down by confusion, heaviness, and spiritual darkness. This week's study invites us to explore what it truly means to "shine," to understand why God places us exactly where He does, and to discover how we can live boldly and faithfully as light-bearers in our everyday environments.



Scripture

Isaiah 60:1 (NKJV) "Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you."
John 8:12 (NKJV) "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."
Matthew 5: 14-16 (NKJV) You are the light of the world.. let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."



Key Points

We are Called to the Light

- **Not someday... NOW.** The light of Christ is already within us. We don't pray for light, manufacture light, or wait for light; we carry it because Jesus Himself lives in us. When we stay connected to Him, His radiance naturally flows through our words, actions, and presence.
- **Hide it under a bushel.. NO!** Hiding our light interrupts God's intention for our lives. Silence, fear, and spiritual withdrawal dim the very light God placed in us to confront darkness. Jesus didn't ignite us to blend in but to stand out, illuminate, and reveal His glory wherever we go.

Placed with a Purpose-For a Purpose

- **Intentional Positions.** God places His people in environments so His light can be seen where it is needed most. Your workplace, family, neighborhood, or circle of influence is not accidental but a divine assignment. You are the lamp God placed in that specific room so someone else could see.
- **Sent to shine.** Your placement carries both responsibility and opportunity: to reflect Christ in places where confusion, heaviness, and hopelessness dominate. When you recognize that your

environment is your mission field, you stop asking, “Why am I here?” and start declaring, “I was sent here to shine. How can I reflect Jesus to others?”

We Reflect the Light of Jesus

- **Plug into the source.** We are not the source of the light but the reflection of the Light of the World. Just as the moon reflects the sun, we reflect the S-O-N. Our role is not to generate brilliance but to stay aligned with Jesus so His character, compassion, and truth radiate through us.
- **Conquer.. not compete.** Our calling is not to compete with darkness but to conquer it by revealing Jesus through our lives. Darkness cannot overpower light; it can only exist where light is absent. Every act of love, courage, kindness, and obedience pushes back spiritual darkness and draws people toward the hope found in Christ.



Reflection



Where has God placed you to shine right now? How are you doing?



How have you seen God use small acts of kindness or courage to impact others?



What would it look like to “arise and shine” everyday in this season of your life?



Prayer

Father, thank You for sending Jesus, the Light of the World. Today I choose to rise and shine for You. Please remove anything in my life that dims my witness or obscures Your glory. Fill me with courage to speak, compassion to love, and boldness to stand in the place You have assigned to me. Help me reflect the S-O-N in every conversation, every decision, and every environment. Use my life to lead others out of darkness and into Your marvelous light. In Jesus’ name, Amen

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