BE A BRINGER

"40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus...."

John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

"Moreover, as for me, far be it from me the the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;"	



PRAISE

- Praise God that the Kurtz are now 61% funded!

- Praise God for faithful giving and all of those who have supported the Kurtz family thus far.

PRAY

- Pray for that the Kurtz family can gather the last 39% needed.

- Pray for their future ministry in Tanzania. Pray that God will begin to soften the hearts of the people that they will be able to minister to.

THE LIGHT HAS COME!

Handout: 12/21/25

Study Date: 12/28/25

Shine The Light

In this verse, Jesus offers us a profound teaching about our lives and actions as followers of Him. We often think of light as a symbol of hope, truth, and guidance. When Jesus tells us to let our light shine, He encourages us to display our good works so that others can witness the love of God through us. This isn't about seeking recognition or self-promotion; instead, it truly aims at glorifying our Creator. We want to reflect His goodness in everything we do, allowing others to see God's glory in our actions.

Let us think of good works as acts of kindness, generosity, and love. We were not meant to hide these qualities but rather to let them shine brightly in a world that sometimes feels dark and uncertain. When people observe the light within us—our good actions—they may be led to glorify God. It's like a beautiful chain reaction; our good deeds inspire others to acknowledge God's love and mercy, prompting them to seek a relationship with Him.

The key parts of this scripture highlight several important themes. The first part, "Let your light so shine before men," emphasizes the importance of authenticity. As Christians, our faith should be visible. We are called to embody the teachings of Jesus openly and honestly.

The next part, "that they may see your good works," acknowledges that our actions hold significance. Good works are the overflow of a genuine relationship with God, and they should manifest naturally in our daily lives. These acts can range from simple gestures of kindness to more significant service-oriented projects in our communities.

Finally, the goal of all our good actions is made clear: "and glorify your Father which is in heaven." This encapsulates the ultimate purpose of our lives as believers. Everything we do should point people toward God. When we possess a heart motivated to serve, we become conduits of His love, leading others to praise Him instead of ourselves. It's about creating an environment where the light of Christ can shine brightly.

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KEY VERSE

Matthew 5:16 (NKJV)

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

Read Matthew 5:14-16 Every Day

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Matthew 5:16

Introduction

- 1. According to the last 3 paragraphs on pg. 1 as followers of Christ, what are the "key themes" we need to take with us from Matthew 5:16?
- 2. Matthew 5:16 speaks to the actions we should be taking as true followers of Christ. How well and how often are YOU practicing these commands?

Tuesday: Mat. 5:14a-b; I Peter. 2:9; Eph. 5:8; Phil. 2:14-16

Who Is The Light Of The World?

- 3. Who is the "chosen generation" that the author is referring to in 1 Peter 2:9? How are we as believers called to follow this generation today?
- 4. As we are called to be the "light of the world" in in Matthew 5:14a, how exactly are we called to "do all things" according to Philippians 2:14?

Wednesday: Mat. 5:15a-b; Pro. 29:25; Dan. 12:3; Acts 13:47

What Is Expected Of Christians As The Light Of The World?

- 5. Proverbs 29:25 conveys to us a clear message regarding our "fear." Who must we trust to get us through?
- 6. Daniel 12:3 states that, "Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the firmament." As believers, how are we called to use this wisdom?

Thursday: Matthew 5:16a; Galatians 2:20; Acts 6:15

How Are Christians To Be The Light Of The World: Surrender?

- 7. Matthew 5:16a calls us with the statement; "Let your light so shine before man." How can we make our "good works" seen by others?
- 8. According to Galatians 2:20 we as believers have been "*crucified with Christ*." How does this impact our walk according to the rest of the verse?
- 9. How have YOU transformed your lifestyle to focus on being a light to the world? What are some of the things you do regularly to achieve this?

Friday: Mat. 5:16b-c; Ja. 2:18; Pro. 11:30; Rom. 10:14

How Are Christians To Be The Light Of The World: Service & Soul Winning?

- 10. What is James 2:18 teaching us about our faith and our works? How would YOU explain this verse to a new believer?
- 11. What is Romans 10:14 calling us to as followers of Christ within the statement; "how shall they hear without a preacher?"
- 12. What exactly is the "fruit of the righteous" referring to in Proverbs 11:30? How can we add more evangelism to our walk and seek the "tree of life?"