

Jesus said, “I am the light of the world.” But he also said, “You are the light of the world.” Can both be true?

### **Believing in the Light \_\_\_\_\_**

John 12:35-36 ...Believe in the light while you have the light, so that you may become children of light.” / John 1:4

Remember what Jesus told the woman caught in adultery, after he forgave her, telling her to sin no more...

John 8:12 When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

In a sense, we are the candle, but not the flame. The flame, the light, is Christ Jesus, and He makes us shine!

### **Shine and Live as \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ John 12:36**

Ephesians 5:8-9 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.

Live as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth).

You were a part of the darkness. But now, in Christ Jesus, you are light in the Lord.

### **The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Ephesians 5:8-9**

Ephesians 4:17-32 NLT tells us what it’s like to Live as Children of Light rather than darkness.

**Next Step: This week I will finish reading Ephesians 4:17-32 and see the practical ways Paul tells us to live as children of light in verses 25-32.**

### **Shine Like a \_\_\_\_\_ on a \_\_\_\_\_**

Matthew 5:16 “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

If the same Spirit that raised Jesus Christ from the dead dwells in you (Romans 8:11) and Jesus said that out of your heart would flow rivers of living water (John 7:37-39), you can’t hide it!

### **Children of Light \_\_\_\_\_ the Future, But Soberly Move Forward in Faith**

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 ... But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness ... You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. ... But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

Romans 13:12 The night is nearly over; the day is almost here.

So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

**Next Step: I commit to live as a child of light, sharing Jesus’ life and light with others.**

Jesus said in John 9:5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world. But he also said in Matthew 5:14 “You are the light of the world.” So, lets embrace this reality and begin to Shine!

### **Life App Group and Family Devotional Application**

1. Are “Jesus is the light of the world” and “we are the light of the world” contradictory statements? Explain.
2. What changes us from darkness to light? What must we do?
3. What do we become when we believe in the light? (John 12:36)
4. What three fruits of light are listed in Ephesians 5:8-9?
5. If I were to ask you, “How do I live as a child of light?” what would be your practical advice to me?  
What should I be doing or not doing? What helps you live as a child of light?
6. As children of light, what does Matthew 5:16 compare us to? Does this truth (or should this truth) make us more cautious in the way we live our lives? Are others watching us?
7. What does 1 Thessalonians 5:5; 5:8 and Romans 13:12 say about the power of the light in our lives?
8. One of our NEXT STEPS asked us to read Ephesians 4:17-32 and see the practical ways Paul tells us to live as children of light in verse 25-32. What are some to these practical ways listed in verse 25-32?

*Answers: Changes – Us / Children – Light / Fruit – Light / Town – Hill / Don’t – Fear*