

Shine

Sermon Study Guide

This Week:

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Sermon: Made to Shine



Watch the Sermon



Read the Scripture



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Opening Questions

- Who have been the two most influential people in your life?
- In what ways have their lives shaped who you are today?

Read Together

Matthew 5:1-12

Big Idea

Influence matters so take seriously how you live your life as a follower of Christ.

Discussion Questions

1. Think about salt for a minute. In what ways is salt used to bring benefit to those who use it?
2. Consider the role of light in our world. In what ways is the presence of light like the presence of Christ-followers in a community?
3. Read Matthew 5:1-12 again. Do you think there is any connection between what Jesus is saying about a Christ-follower's character (verses 3-12) and the influence they have?
4. How would a believer try to "hide their light"? What does it look like in our lives when we try to put our light "under a bowl"?
 - What situations do you feel most pressured to "hide your light"?
5. Think of someone in your life who once had significant influence, but ended up losing it. What specifically was it that caused them to lose their influence with you?
6. Write down the three people or places where your being salt and light is most crucial right now. What is it that gives you influence with these people or in these places?
7. What is it you hope that people "catch" from your life as you shine your light?

Challenge

This week, commit to intentionally watching for opportunities to influence others as God lines up divine appointments for you.

Prayer

In the midst of your busy life, ask God to help you clearly see and hear when an opportunity to influence someone for Christ comes up. Listen to God, asking the Holy Spirit to show you who you can be more intentional with.

Next Step

If you are interested in reading more about the idea of divine appointments, go to <http://www.byfaith.co.uk/pauldivineappointments.htm>

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