

Sermon on the Mount
Light of the World
Matthew 5:14-16

Introduction

Today we are continuing a study on the most well-known teaching Jesus ever gave, the often-called "Sermon on the Mount." Jesus preached this message from the top of a hill next to the Sea of Galilee. The theme of his teaching is the kingdom of heaven.

1. Jesus explains how a life lived under God's loving rule is radically _____ from a life lived under religious and secular power structures.
2. Jesus explains the kind of _____ God wants us to have on the world and our society.
3. Jesus describes his followers as _____, He says that we possess the essential spiritual resources the rest of human society needs.
4. We have these resources, not because we are so good or spiritual, but because we belong to the One who is the _____ of spiritual life.
5. Those who follow Jesus are the light of the _____ because His light shines through us.
6. When Jesus describes humanity as lacking light, He is saying that we are spiritually dead and lost without Him. Despite any human greatness, people who don't know God are in a desperate _____ condition.
7. God wants to _____ all sinners to Him.
8. Jesus calls his followers to _____, not isolation.
9. Whereas salt is hidden, light is _____.
10. When Christ shines upon us, _____ things happen.

11. We are no longer living in _____; we are vessels that contain the light of Christ.

I. Light of the Word

12. In Scripture, light is used to describe the mental and the moral aspects of a _____ with God.

13. Intellectually, light represents _____, and morally it represents holiness.

14. Intellectually, darkness represents ignorance and falsehood, but morally darkness represents _____.

15. The light of Christ _____ us intellectually and morally, and these changes are significant.

16. Believers are light because they _____ God.

17. Psalm 14: 1 says the _____ says in his heart there is no God.

18. The world is _____ to the light of the gospel.

19. To the believer, the gospel is the power and _____ of God.

20. Believers are light because they practice _____.

21. The children of God _____ God but unbelievers are identified by disobedience.

II. The Function of Light

22. As light, believers _____ darkness.

23. Christians should always be the _____ lights within a friendship, a family, a business, an education system, or a government.

24. We expose darkness indirectly simply by living a moral life, but we also expose it directly by calling _____ as it is.

25. If God's Spirit calls us to stand up against wrong, it is up to us to be _____.
26. Everything exposed to the light becomes _____.
27. Jesus changes a person's life when they _____ and begin to follow Him.
28. Light, by its very nature, is much more powerful than _____.
29. As light, believers also help _____ grow.
30. The spiritual light of a believer often awakens those who are spiritually disconnected or _____.
31. Light not only illuminates, but it also _____.
32. Believers should warm people's hearts with a love and awe of being in God's _____.

III. Growth as Light

33. To grow in light, we must stay near _____, who is the Light.
34. As we walk with the Lord, we are _____ into his image and glory.
35. To grow as light, we must _____ gather together with other godly believers.
36. Our light is _____ by being around other godly believers who are on fire.
37. To grow in light, we must fight the tendencies to _____ our light.
38. We should eliminate things that might _____ our light or make it ineffective so we can put our light out there for others to see.

39. To grow as light, we must be _____.

40. We live our life in Christ so that the people around us can _____ God.

Conclusion

41. Sometimes the greatest barrier to winning people to Christ in our culture is other _____!

People who live in total darkness don't really know how to live and relate to others. They get confused, lost, and damaged. What they need is light--someone who demonstrates how to live life in a way that works.

The point Jesus is making is not perfection but direction. Are you being a light in the world—drawing people to God by your words and actions? **“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”** (Matthew 5:16 NKJV)

ANSWERS:

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| 1. Different | 22. Expose |
| 2. Impact | 23. Ethical |
| 3. Light | 24. Sin |
| 4. Source | 25. Faithful |
| 5. World | 26. Visible |
| 6. Spiritual | 27. Repent |
| 7. Reconcile | 28. Darkness |
| 8. Involvement | 29. Others |
| 9. Visible | 30. Asleep |
| 10. Miraculous | 31. Warms |
| 11. Darkness | 32. Presence |
| 12. Relationship | 33. Christ |
| 13. Truth | 34. Transformed |
| 14. Evil | 35. Regularly |
| 15. Changes | 36. Strengthened |
| 16. Know | 37. Hide |
| 17. Fool | 38. Dim |
| 18. Blind | 39. Balanced |
| 19. Wisdom | 40. Glorify |
| 20. Righteousness | 41. Christians |
| 21. Obey | |