

# GOD'S FAMILY SHINES FOR HIS GLORY

## BIG TRUTH: GOD'S FAMILY SHINES FOR HIS GLORY

Matthew 22:36-37; John 15:15; 2 Corinthians 5:14-15, 18-20; Ephesians 2:1-4; Romans 6:23; 9:1-3; John 1:4-13; Philippians 2:12-16

## BIBLE VERSE: MATTHEW 5:16

*"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."*

## BIG IDEAS

- Jesus followers exist to make known the love of God.
- Jesus followers are called to carry the message of life to those who are dead and decaying in their sin.
- Jesus followers are called to shine the light of the gospel in a world blinded by the darkness of sin.

## BIBLE PASSAGE: MATTHEW 5:13-16

## KNEEL - I AM AN AMBASSADOR

The Kneel Year is an exploration of what it means to worship God with our all (Luke 10:26-28). Worship is not something that is limited to a service once a week, but instead occurs every day, in all of life. We are unceasing worshipers. Worship never stops, it only changes directions. In order to worship God with all of our heart, soul, strength, and mind, we must embrace our identity as image bearers. It is out of that identity that we can begin to live for God's glory in all of life (Colossians 3:17).

## SERIES AIMS



### Every student should know that...

- Our sin leads to darkness, but Jesus is light.
- Christians are set apart to shine the light of the gospel in the world.



### Every student should feel...

- Humbled that they exist to point to Jesus alone.
- An urgency to make God known to the dying world around them.



### Every student should strive to...

- Spend time each day learning more about who God is through His Word.
- Live a life that reflects God to the world.
- Share the gospel with at least one person who does not know Jesus.



### Every student should want...

- To pursue holiness that points people away from themselves and towards Jesus.
- To reflect the Father by living sacrificially.
- To make known the love of God.

## STUDENT WORKOUT:

This week we will consider what it looks like to live as salt and light in our daily lives. We will pray for boldness to live obediently to God knowing that we exist for His glory alone. We will practice making God's love known and sharing His message of truth.

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**Read and meditate on Matthew 5:13-16 this week.**

- As you meditate on these verses, consider how you might make God's love known to the people in your life. Ponder how you can let the light of Christ inside of you shine in your daily life. Ask yourself if you live daily as if you exist for God's glory or for your own glory? Are there ways that you can better love others so they might see the light of Christ in you?
- Ponder what it means to be salt in this world. How can you influence your friends for the gospel? How can you talk to them so that they know you are a follower of Christ and not just a "good" person? How can you show them by your words and actions that you desire to be obedient to God because you believe true life comes only from Him?



**Spend time praying this week for these things: a heart that seeks God's glory above your own, eyes that see the opportunity to be a light among your lost friends, and a desire to obey and please God above all else.**

- Spend time praying with your parent or small group leader this week. As you pray together, ask the Holy Spirit for help in being a light in your daily life. Pray for opportunities to share the gospel with your lost friends and ask for the words to say and the boldness to stand out as you share.



**Use your Bible app and a dictionary app to do a word study of the word "light."**

- Look up verses that contain the word "light". Think about what the word means and how you can be a light to your friends and even your family. Make a list of at least two ways you can be a light by making God's love known this week. Commit to do these two things this week.
- Meet with your parent or small group leader to discuss the two ways you determined you can be a light in the world. Discuss with them some ways that they are lights and ask for accountability as you seek to do these things this week.