

**BIG TRUTH: GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SALT AND LIGHT**

2 Corinthians 5:18-20; Romans 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**

**TRANSFORM - I AM GROWING**

The Transform Year is an exploration of what it means to become a "new creation" in Jesus. (2 Corinthians 5:17) In order for this to happen, we must first find our identity in Him. Many of us live in a consistent state of identity crises. We wrestle with questions like who am I, where do I belong, why do I exist? The answer to these questions is found in Jesus. Our prayer for this semester is that like the Apostle Paul we would be able to say, "I have been crucified with Christ, it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me." (Galatians 2:20).

**SERIES AIMS**



**Every student should know that...**

- Life, joy, wisdom, and purpose are only found in our treasure, Jesus
- Apart from Jesus we are personally, relationally, and spiritually bankrupt
- The Christian life is about growth not arrival.



**Every student should feel...**

- Encouraged that Jesus is the treasure our hearts desire
- The depth of their personal and spiritual bankruptcy
- Emboldened to live for God's kingdom alone



**Every student should strive to...**

- Read the Sermon on the Mount
- Memorize the Bible Verse each week
- Begin practicing some of the basic spiritual disciplines



**Every student should want to...**

- See the Beatitudes become their attitudes
- Put sin to death and live for God's kingdom
- Pursue Jesus by embracing and practicing spiritual disciplines

**FAMILY WORKOUT**

This week we will consider what it means to lead our son or daughter to be a light in the dark world. We will pray with our son or daughter, asking the Holy Spirit to help them be a bright light in the world. We will guide our son or daughter to practice sharing the gospel with their lost friends.



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

- Consider the ways you can lead your son or daughter to be a light in the world. How can you model being a light in the world for your son or daughter? What experiences can you share from your own interactions with lost people that could help your son or daughter be bolder in sharing his or her faith?

**Consider how to help your son or daughter live more intentionally as a light in the world.**

- How can you lead your son or daughter to grow in their knowledge of God's Word so they can be in the world, but not of it?



**Make a point to pray with your son or daughter every day this week.**

- Choose the morning or evening to pray with your son or daughter, asking the Holy Spirit to help you both shine your light for Jesus.
- Spend time praying for your son or daughter this week. Pray that if he or she doesn't know Christ, they will see your light and receive the message of hope and life that is found in Jesus.



**Discuss ways your child can share the gospel with his or her friends this week.**

- Help your child make a list of people who do not know Christ. Lead your son or daughter to make a plan to have a spiritual or gospel conversation with someone on their list this week.
- Discuss with your student ways that he or she can intentionally seek to be a light in the dark world. Help your student identify distractions or things in the world that cause them to lose their saltiness. Help them make a plan to rid their lives of those distractions.