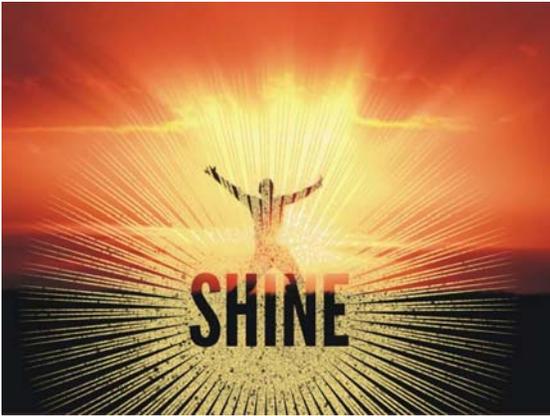


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Shining Where You Are

How to use Talk It Over:

Talking through the message during the week helps you and your group turn what God is saying to you into action steps. Begin with the key questions and then wrap up by deciding on your next steps. You can use this study guide with your small group, your family, or on your own.

“... Live as children of light - for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.” - Ephesians 5:8b-9

How do you “shine” in your everyday world? When you are driving, are you in your own space, oblivious to other drivers unless they get in your way? Or are you aware of others around you where a smile or a positive attitude might make a difference to them -- even in tough circumstances?

How do you shine in the line at the bank, the grocery store or Starbucks? Do you really see the person in front of you, to your side, or behind the counter? Are they having a good day? What might be hiding behind a “customer service” demeanor where you could make a difference in how you engage with them?

We are called to use our gifts where we are -- not just “in church” or “for church” but where you are. Where do you spend your days? How can you shine there? How are you using what has been entrusted to you in your “every day” life?

- This week, take a look inward to see how God has blessed you -- with talents, gifts, resources and time. Make a list of the gifts God has entrusted you with.
- How are you using what you have to love God and to love others? To shine?
- What would help you to be more aware in the moment of others around you, and help you to see them through God’s eyes?

Reading for this week:

Monday: 1 Peter 4:8-10

Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 12:4-13

Wednesday: Matthew 19:16-26

Thursday: Matthew 5:15-17

Friday: Luke 10:25-37