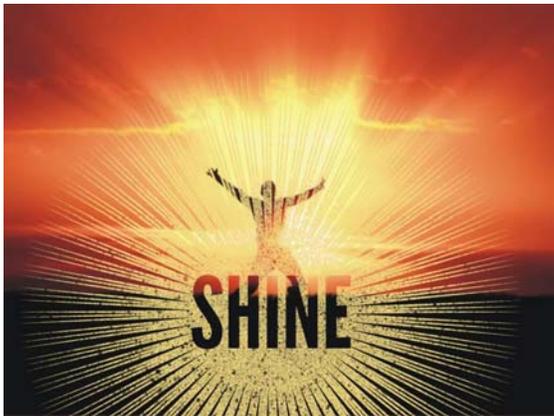


**Sunday, November 9, 2014**



## **Shining Relationships**

### **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.*

The relationships we have in our lives are very important. Most times when we talk about relationships, we talk in terms of people. But this week we want to encourage you to look at your relationship with other things:

- \* Your time
- \* Your money
- \* Your stuff

So, take a few moments and think about the following questions:

### **TIME:**

- Do I choose how I spend my time or do I let other people, other things “dictate” how my time is spent?
- Do I have any margin of time in my schedule?
- What would I need to do in order to steward my time more wisely?
- What would it look like to dedicate a portion of my time to loving my neighbor? To serving in our community?

### **MONEY:**

- What relationship do I have with my money?
- Where do I spend the bulk of my money?
- What is my attitude towards money? Never enough? It runs my life? I live to make more? I use it wisely?
- How does my faith impact my attitude around money?

### **STUFF:**

- Do I honestly have enough stuff?
- Do I always feel I need the newest, best, greatest?
- What is my relationship with my “stuff?”
- Am I willing to share my stuff?
- What would it look like to live more simply (less stuff)? How would that free me to make different decisions?

**Reading for this week:**

**Monday:** Luke 6:27-35

**Tuesday:** Mark 4:23-25

**Wednesday:** Mark 12:41-44

**Thursday:** Acts 2:43-45

**Friday:** Acts 20:34-36