

Life Group Discussion Guide: Neighbor Day

Scripture Focus: Matthew 5:14–16

Ice Breakers: Getting Started

- Who is the best neighbor you've ever had, and what made them so great?
 - If you were a lighthouse keeper, what one luxury item from the modern world would you want to have with you?
 - What is one way you have seen "light" overcome a "dark" situation in your life recently?
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Discussion Questions

1. Jesus says, "You *are* the light of the world." He doesn't say you *should* be, but that you *are*. How does it change your vertical relationship with God to realize He has already given you this identity through Jesus?
2. Matthew 5:16 says our light should shine so that people see our good works and "give glory to your Father." What has God been teaching you lately about how your daily actions can lead others to know Him intimately?
3. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden, and life groups are "smaller communities practicing the church's mission." How can we better "do life" together so that our group's light is brighter collectively than it is individually?
4. Being "known authentically" means sharing the dark spots, too. What is something currently heavy on your heart that is making it difficult for you to feel like "light" right now?
5. In Jeremiah 29:7, God tells His people to seek the *shalom* (welfare/peace) of the city where they are sent. In the context of Matthew 5, what are some practical "good works" that would bring peace and welfare to your specific street or neighborhood?
6. Jesus warns against putting a lamp under a basket. What are the "baskets" (fears, busy schedules, or distractions) that most often hide your light from your neighbors, co-workers, or friends?
7. "Neighbor Day" is about making the rubber hit the road. Who is one person the Lord brings to mind right now—someone you live near or work with—who needs to see a "good work" from you this week?
8. Since we are called to be a blessing to those around us, what is one small step of obedience you can take this week to seek the welfare of our city in a way that points back to Jesus?