



## THIS WEEK

### **BIG IDEA**

We must carry the light with us.

### **BIBLE**

Matthew 5:14–16; John 1:5; 1 John 1:5

## **ABOUT THIS WEEK**

This week we learned that Jesus didn't just bring light into the world — He shares that light with us. When we follow Him, we don't only see the light; we *carry* it. Jesus says we are the light of the world, which means our lives can help others see God's love, hope, and truth more clearly.

### **Let's Break the Ice + Discipleship Moment Follow Up:**

- Last week we challenged one another to invite the light of Jesus into dark parts of our lives. How did that go? Does anyone want to share?
- What's the biggest difference between a light that's "hidden" and one that's impossible to ignore?
- If someone described your personality as a "type of light" (spotlight, campfire, lantern, LED strip, headlights), what would it be and why?
- When's a time someone else's kindness or encouragement brought light into *your* day?

### **Bible Study:**

- Read Together: As a group, read Matthew 5:14-16 NIV
  - *Telos Bible Page Numbers: Matthew 5:14-16 (pg 944)*

### **Discussion Questions:**

- When Jesus says "you are the light of the world," what responsibility is He giving His followers?
  - Why do you think Jesus warns against hiding your light? What does "hiding" look like for high school students today?
  - Jesus says our good deeds should help people "glorify your Father in heaven."
  - What makes a good deed point to God instead of pointing back to us?
  - Read 1 John 1:5 — "God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all." How does reflecting God's light shape your identity? Your relationships? Your choices?
  - Where do you see darkness in your school, friendships, or social spaces? How might Jesus be inviting you to shine there?
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**Make it Real:**

- Think of one situation this past week where you *dimmed* your light or hid your faith. What could it look like to respond differently next time?

**Prayer****Share Requests:**

- *Ask for any prayer requests or praises to celebrate together.*

**Group Prayer:**

- Encourage students to remain aware and mindful of Jesus at the center of the Christmas season.