

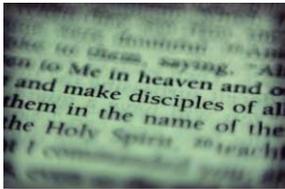
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Let Your Light So Shine

On Sunday evening, brother Stephen Bradd kicked off our summer series lessons by providing an exposition of Matthew 5:14-16. He did a great job laying the foundation for the remainder of the lessons. There was wonderful attendance and we are so thankful for those who were present. If you were not able to attend the Sunday evening service, you missed a great time of worship and the opportunity to meet the Bradd family.



Our theme for the year is "Let Your Light So Shine." As members of the Lord's body, we want our lights to shine so we can reflect the wonderful attributes of our Father in heaven.

Each of the lessons on Sunday evening will concentrate on an area in which we can let our lights shine as we live in the world. Light is needed in this dark world to illuminate the saving message of the gospel. So many people are walking in darkness and do not realize they are. When the gospel light shines on the lives of those walking in darkness, it exposes the darkness for what it is, and leads that person to Jesus Christ. This is why it is so important for us to let our light shine and let it shine brightly.

Brother Bradd stated in his lesson that the Lord does not need us to be secret about our discipleship but our discipleship must overcome our secrecy. We must always be that city that is set on a hill that cannot be hid. We must not illuminate our light and then put a cover over it to hide it.

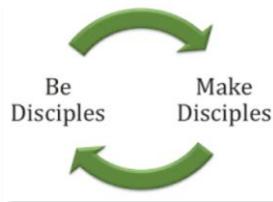
If you are not attending Sunday evening services, this is a personal invitation to attend our Summer Series each evening. Come hear faithful, gospel preachers proclaim the word of God that will help each of us to let our lights so shine in this dark world.

Continued from issue 22: Some Thoughts to Ponder. We must build upon those foundational truths that have been laid down by the older generation. They were a generation of soul winners and church builders and we too must possess those same qualities to guarantee that the next generations after us will have a strong, faithful congregation at which to worship.

Lastly, we must keep heaven in view. It can be very easy to lose our focus as to why we are here together. People become members of local congregations for varied reasons, but as a body of believers, our main concern should be becoming more like Jesus so heaven can be our home. It is important to remember this because we only have one lifetime to get it right. Let's always

remember why we are here and stay laser focused on the spiritual task at hand. As the local saints at the Collinsville congregation, we have a great legacy to continue to build upon. Having the all sufficient Scripture will give us the foundation that we need to help our local church continue to be faithful and true to Him for years to come.

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