



## *More than Words*

**INTRODUCTION:** When fishing, every fisherman understands that he must use the right bait to get the fish's attention. In fishing for men, it is also important that we get the attention of those we are trying to reach. It is not loud words, bold professions, or clever strategies that are most effective. This message shows us what Jesus Himself explained we must do and what must be true in our life if we are to be an effective fisher of men.

**READ:** Matthew 5:14-16

### **DISCUSSION:**

1. Have you ever visited a lighthouse? If so, tell about your experience. What is the purpose of the lighthouse? In yesteryear, how important was its function?
2. In what ways are you and to be like a lighthouse in the world?
3. According to 2 Corinthians 5:20, every believer is an "ambassador" for Christ. What is an ambassador and what does he/she do? What does these teach us about role in the world today?
4. As a group read 2 Corinthians 4:3-7 and answer the following questions:
  - Why are the eyes of so many blinded?
  - According to verse 3, what is their sad condition?
  - According to verse 6, how do we experience the Light?
  - How does Paul describe the truth of the Gospel in verse 7?
  - How do we prevent ourselves from simply burying this treasure?
5. Can you recall a picturesque scene of lights on a hillside? If so, what images come to mind? How many lights do you think were on display? How did the connection of those lights contribute to the larger picture?
6. In what ways should believers be partnering together to shine "like a city set on a hill"?
7. This week's message revealed two obstacles that can hinder our light. What were these obstacles and what did they represent ( Matthew 5:15; Luke 8:16) ?
  - In what ways have you experienced these obstacles in your life?
  - Can you think of additional obstacles that must be removed to prevent our light from being hindered?
8. How would you describe "good works"? What good works should we be committed to? As a group read the following passages and identify the things that we to discard and the things that we are to devote ourselves to.  
Ephesians 5:1-5      1 Peter 2:9-12    Titus 2:7-8      Philippians 2:14-15
9. According to Matthew 5:16 and 1 Peter 2:12, what is the motivation for our good works?

**SHARING JESUS:** *Read Chapter 7 and use additional discussion question on pg 141-142*

**TAKE IT WITH YOU:** Talk to people about Jesus, show them the change Jesus makes in you.

### **READING LIST:**

**Monday:** John 12:44-50 / **Tuesday:** Colossians 1:9-14 / **Wednesday:** Ephesians 5:1-10

**Thursday:** 1 Peter 2:9-12 / **Friday:** Titus 2:7-15 / **Saturday:** Titus 3:1-11 / **Sunday:** Philippians 2:12-16