



## OCTOBER 6

# LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

## MATTHEW 5:14-16



### GETTING STARTED

This weekend, we heard a special message from Pastor Peter Kasirivu, founder of Africa Renewal Ministries. We learned that *Jesus Is The Great Light* who drives the darkness away, and as believers, we can reflect His light to offer hope to those who are walking in darkness.

Before you begin the study, take a few moments to reflect on this verse.

*You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. **Matthew 5:14-16***

Take a moment to pray and ask for the light of Jesus to shine brightly in and through you as you spend time in His presence.



### STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What is your top takeaway from Pastor Peter's message this weekend?
2. How were you encouraged to hear how God is working in another part of the world?
3. Read John 1:4-9. When Jesus, *the Great Light*, comes into our life, we experience the effects of His light, whether it be revealing sin, spiritual warfare, or bringing healing and wholeness into our relationships. How have you personally experienced the light of Jesus driving out the darkness in your life?
4. In his message, Pastor Peter used the analogy of a glow worm to describe the way we begin to glow when we consistently stay in the presence of Jesus and then how we reflect His light to those who live in darkness. Reread Matthew 5:14-16.
  - a. Think back to when you first encountered Jesus. Did the light of Jesus reflected in others play a part in your decision to follow Christ? If so, explain.
  - b. Can you think of a time when you were inspired by seeing someone else's faith in action in everyday life? How did their actions lead you closer to Jesus?

5. We learned this weekend that we do not have to worry about *how* to become the light, we just need to *plug* into the light source, which is Jesus. What are some practical ways you intentionally plug into the light source in your day-to-day routine?

6. *Walking in the light* is an idea that is taught throughout Scripture. Read the following verses and jot down any keywords or phrases that stand out to you.

- 1 John 1:5-7 & 2:9-10

- Ephesians 5:8-17

- John 8:12 & 12:35-36

a. In your circles of influence, what do you think it looks like to *walk in the light*? (E.g., in your workplace, family, community)

7. Pastor Peter talked about *The Power of Light* and how:

- Light drives the darkness away.

- Light attracts life (catching silverfish on Lake Victoria).

- Light has power (photocells in solar power).

- Light influences change.

a. Which of these principles impacted you the most and why?

8. In the message, we learned that Christians have had a profound impact on orphan care, education, and hospitals. Were you aware of the positive impact that Christians have had in societies around the world? If so, how?

a. To shine is to do acts of service for humanity. Is there an act of service that God is calling you to do? Has God placed anything on your heart this week that could have an impact on the life of someone else?

b. When we put our faith in Jesus, we are adopted into the family of God. Have you ever considered or prayed about adopting a child through sponsorship in another country to reflect your own spiritual adoption into God's family?

Rocky Peak is partnering with Africa Renewal Ministries to sponsor over 250 refugee children in northern Uganda! If you would like to sponsor a child, please visit the patio after any service on the weekends of October 5/6 and 12/13. Sponsorships are \$50 per month to fully cover the children's needs.