



Small Group/ Reflection Notes

12-05-2024		iTell, I shine	
 Start	<input type="checkbox"/> What has your week been like?		
 Discuss	<input type="checkbox"/> When have you/ do you wear high-vis? Why? <input type="checkbox"/> In the dark, how does high-vis work? What's needed? <input type="checkbox"/> Why are churches and Christians such big contributors to society? <input type="checkbox"/> Today, who has more branches in the UK, Foodbanks (✓) or McDonalds (×)? What does this say about Society? What does this say about the Church?		
 Read	<u>Matthew 5: 14-16</u>	 Listen again	ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch
 Explore	<input type="checkbox"/> v.14 : To what extent do <i>you</i> feel you <i>are</i> the light of the world? Read John 8:12 : What Jesus claim to be? How does high-vis help explain how Jesus is Light and we are to be light too? Why does the world need light? Can light ever be used negatively? On your own, what difference can you make? What makes a city? How is a city different? <input type="checkbox"/> v.15 : What does a lighthouse do? Why is it needed? What would be the reaction if a lighthouse was built underground? Imagine asking an electrician to install a ceiling light under your floorboards. What reaction might you get? For each, what's the rational, usual place? <input type="checkbox"/> v.16 : Why is hiding from others your Christ light just as absurd? How do we not just flicker or dial down like a dimmer, but <i>shine</i> ? What makes deeds <i>good</i> ? As a church, what are some of our <i>good deeds</i> ? How can social action projects role play what Heaven is like? If we dial down our light (our Christian ethos/ motivation), then what do we denying people the opportunity to do?		
 Go further	<input type="checkbox"/> Read Philippians 2:12-16 . What does it mean to 'shine like stars'? What light of its own does the moon have? How come we can see it? How is that like us and Christ? <input type="checkbox"/> How do we ensure the Christian ethos/ mission is helpfully shone through our social action projects without unsubtly blinding a torch in people's eyes?		
 Reflect	<input type="checkbox"/> Which one verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention? <input type="checkbox"/> Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why?		
 Do	<input type="checkbox"/> Go for a <i>walk</i> with Jesus in the dark. Take a light and some high-vis. What happens to the darkness? <input type="checkbox"/> Find out about Acacia Family Support, Foodbank, Job Club or another church/ Christian-ethos social action project/ How can you support it?		

 Pray	Say slowly and repeat multiple times: <i>Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen. Glory to the Father, and to the...</i>
 My questions:	

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