

**PARABLE OF THE LAMP**

Matthew 5:14-16

This discussion is for the Friday Morning Men’s Fellowship teaching series, “The Parables”, available at leadmin.org/parables.



Use one of these to get the group talking about today’s topic:

• Were you ever scared of the dark as a child? What other fears did you have early in life?

• What is something that you are very proud of in your life, work or family? How do you let others know of your pride in this?

• What is something that you enjoy doing to serve other people? Why do you enjoy or look forward to doing this?



Go in-depth with these questions. Based on your available time, choose 3-4 that you believe are most thought-provoking:

• Read Matthew 5:14-16. Jesus is telling a story that likens His followers to the “light of the world”. Why do you think Jesus chose this analogy?

• What does Jesus mean when he talks about putting a light on a lampstand in verse 15?

• What are some practical ways we can “let our light shine before others”?

• When “shining our light”, is Jesus talking about sharing our faith, doing good deeds, or both? Why?

• Why does Jesus want others to see our good deeds?

* What are some ways in which we may “hide our light” in today’s world/culture?



• What is one way that you can “be a light” in your family this week?

• What is one way that you can “be a light” at work this week?

• What is one way that you may be “putting your light under a bowl”? How might you change this pattern of behavior over time to “be a light” in your family, workplace or community?