

## **SHINE ON!**

Based on the command of Christ #4 – “Let your light shine”.

John 9:5 - While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

Matthew 5:14-15

14 “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.  
15 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.

GEN. 1:28 - God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

Gen. 2:15 - The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

Mt. 28:18-20

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.  
19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,  
20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

I want to ask three questions tonight...

- 1. Who did Jesus reach out to with His message?*
- 2. How did he do it?*
- 3. What instructions did he pass on to us on the subject?*

**I. The willingness to get out of our own little world causes us to shine on!**

Mt. 5:1-2a - Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.

**II. Our lifestyle causes us to shine on!**

Matthew 5:16 - In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

Matthew 6:1 - "Be careful not to do your 'acts of righteousness' before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

John 5:19 - "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does."

### **III. Speaking with authority causes us to shine on!**

Matthew 7:28-29

28 When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching,  
29 because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

*First... ask those around you who don't come to church what they believe about God.*

*Second... Spend time daily with the Father and ask Him to reveal His heart to you, not only about yourself, but about others that He places in your life!*

2 Corinthians 3:18 - And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate<sup>[a]</sup> the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory (KJV glory to glory), which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

*Third... Ask yourself, "Can I really speak with authority?"*

John 3:19 - This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.