

# “PUBLIC LIGHTS”

Matthew 5:14-16

**Main Idea:** As the light of the world, Christ followers must be present in places so their shine can benefit many.

**Declaration:** “You are the light of the world” (14-15)

The nature of light—to shine

The benefit of light—to illuminate darkness

The placement of light (14b-15)

A city on a hill (14b)

A lamp in a home (15)

The absurdity of covering it

The practicality of putting it on a stand

**Command:** “Let your light shine before men” (16)

An intentional public display

The choice to let one’s light shine

The connection between light and good works

Reflected light that points to its Source

**Application:**

As the light of the world, Christ-followers must position themselves in places where they will shine

As the light of the world, Christ followers display the character of Christ