



NEW VISION

BE A LIGHT

TIPS FOR GROUP FACILITATORS

Thank you for beginning the journey as a group to experience community. For the next four sessions you and your group will be challenged to take the next step in your faith and learn even more of what it means to “Be a Light” for Jesus!

For this small group study there are a few things to remember that will help you in how you use you time as a group:

First, use the “Be a Light” kit. In your kit, there are videos, small group discussion guides, ice-breakers, and all the basic things that you will need to launch your time together.

Second, we are here to help. New Vision has a team of people here to help you begin and continue to meet as a group. You will find that there are numerous resources available to you as a facilitator.

Finally, remember why we meet. You are going to gather in a circle of friends, co-workers, or neighbors and experience what happens when our lives are centered around God’s Word. Remember that our focus is to guide people to lives of gospel transformation. This means that your gathering is not the end but merely the beginning of the journey to experiencing that gospel transformation.

INTRODUCTION

In this study there is a simple way to help you walk through each session. There will be four sections: Background- gives a brief setting for the session; Discuss- gives you a listening guide for each session's video; Dig Deeper- spend time briefly reviewing the Scripture used in each session; Do- taking what you have learned and finding a way to do what you have discussed.

BACKGROUND

For the next few sessions, we are going to look at what it means when Jesus tells us that we are to be a light. In this session, we are going to discuss the impact that can happen when we understand we are light.

WATCH THE INTRODUCTION VIDEO.

1. You do not produce light, you _____ light.
2. The world says to be a leader, be yourself, be a success... Jesus says that we are to be a _____.
3. When we understand what it means to be a light, it can _____ so much about us.

Answer Guide: 1. Reflect 2. Light. 3. Change

DISCUSS

In the video, Brady discussed the northern lights and the beauty that comes from this natural phenomenon as well as how it is caused by a collision that occurs between the earth and the particles of the sun.

How does our light for Jesus cause a "collision" with the world? What difference do you see shining your light makes currently? What are some ways it could shine brighter?

How do you see being in a group as a way to help you shine brighter for Jesus?

DIG DEEPER

For this introduction session we want to encourage you to begin to shine with one another by getting to know one another. This is valuable as our groups become our safe place to share what is happening in our lives so that we learn to love God, ourselves, and others well.

Below are some questions that can help you get to know one another. We encourage you to answer the questions from each of the areas and take turns going around the group.

Deep

Choose one question and answer for the group.

- If you were going on a retreat, what three things (besides your Bible) would you take and why?
- What is one accomplishment people might not know about that makes you proud?
- What would your perfect day look like?

Deeper

Choose one question and answer for the group.

- What's one unique role you had in the family you were brought up in? (For example: oldest, baby, funny person, organizer, peacemaker, black sheep)
- If you are married, what was the moment you knew you were in love with your spouse? If you are single, what's an important trait you look for in a partner?
- What is something important a grandparent or older mentor taught you?

Real Deep

Choose one question and answer for the group.

- What book or story has had the biggest impact on you (aside from the Bible)?
- What is one spiritual tradition you have in your life or family?
- What is one worship song or lyric that has really spoken to your heart?

DO

Look up pictures of the northern lights. Share them on social media and explain in your own words what it means to be a light.

Find a way this week that you can shine for Jesus by loving others. It may be giving to the poor, serving others, or doing a random act of kindness for someone that doesn't suspect it.

Notes for Personal Reflection:
