

Kingdom Culture

sermon on the mount series

May 21

PERSONAL REFLECTION OR GROUP DISCUSSION

MATTHEW 5:14

"You are the light of the World"

Reading

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"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. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

- *We've all suffered blackouts at night-time in the home. What do you do when you get one?*

What differences in your behaviours do you note in such times compared to a normally lit house?

- *We are all probably familiar with the Barrenjoey lighthouse. How are Christians to act as a lighthouse to the world?*
- *How does vs16 give us the key to an influential life which draws others to God?*
- *Conversely what impact does the moral or legal failure of Christians have on unbelievers around them?*

Romans 2: 21

"you, then, who teach others, do you not teach yourself? You who preach against stealing, do you steal? 22 You who say that people should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? 23 You who boast in the law, do you dishonour God by breaking the law? 24 As it is written: "God's name is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you.

Have you seen any examples of this?

Questions

- Discuss this phrase “Christians live in glass houses”.

- List 5 benefits of light that you appreciate.

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- Then reflect on your answers, can you see any spiritual parallels to these?