

Water of Life Community Church
WHY DO WE DO CHURCH?
PART 3: WE ALL NEED HOPE
MATTHEW 5:14-16

PARTICIPANT GUIDE

ICE BREAKER

PRAYER

WORSHIP

INTRODUCTION

God calls us to delight in Christ so deeply that we cannot help but share our joy with others.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. READ JOHN 10:7-10.

- a. What does Jesus mean when He says He is the door for the sheep? Who are the thieves and robbers?
- b. Who is the thief that “comes only to steal and to kill and to destroy”?
- c. How does Jesus provide a more abundant life? How has Jesus made your life more abundant?

2. READ 2 TIMOTHY 1:7-8.

- a. In what way did Paul describe the gospel?
- b. Why was Paul worried about shame? What kept Paul from being ashamed of the gospel? What keeps you from being ashamed?

3. READ MATTHEW 5:14-16.

- a. In verses 14-16, Jesus used the metaphor of a city on a hill to illustrate the distinct difference His followers should have from the world. What is light’s impact on darkness? How does darkness respond to light?
- b. What does this metaphor teach us about our responsibility as Christians and citizens of two worlds? What is foolish about trying to hide the light of Christ in us?

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

GOING DEEPER/WEEKLY CHALLENGE

REFLECT

- Who has been the one person in your life that has been a light to you?

RESPOND

- Do one act this week to be a light to someone else.

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MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 5:14, Christian Standard Version (CSV)

You are the light of the world. A city situated on a hill cannot be hidden.

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