



PART 2 : Show and Tell

INTRODUCTION

Most of us wound up at church because someone invited us. That dynamic has been in place since the earliest days of the church. People are drawn into relationship with Jesus when someone invites them to *come and see*. Over the past two thousand years, the church—the life changing, world altering movement kicked off by Jesus—has grown and grown because when we experience something great, we invite others to experience it too.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When you hear the word “church” do you tend to think of a place or people? What factors have shaped the way you view the church?
2. Think about a time when you changed something you believed. Did the change happen because someone convinced you with words or because of a personal experience? Explain.
3. Read Matthew 5:13-16. What are some practical ways that you are salt and light in the lives of people in your circle of influence?
4. Talk about a person God placed in your life in order to draw you into relationship with him. In what ways did that person’s influence provide you with protection and direction?
5. Have you ever been around people who seemed so far from God that being salt and light in their lives felt like a waste of time? What did you do? What happened?
6. In what area of life are you tempted to be foolish? What is one thing you can do to better position your light for maximum influence on the people around you?

MOVING FORWARD

There is a difference between your faith being personal and your faith being private. A relationship with Jesus is deeply personal, but it’s not meant to be hidden. That’s because other people come and see Jesus for themselves, and they enter into a deeply personal relationship with him, when they see others’ relationships with him. We’ve been given a tremendous opportunity to be a living example, to point others toward a Savior who loves them.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

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

Matthew 5:16