

December 18, 2016

Series: Illuminate

Sermon Title: *Shine the light*

Key Verse:

Matthew 5:14-16 (NRSV)

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The Key:

Shining starts with burning

Where is your FIRE?

John 8:12 (NRSV) ¹²Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the *LIGHT* of the *WORLD*. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the *LIGHT* of *LIFE*.”

John 9:5 (NRSV) ⁵As long as I am in the *WORLD*, I am the *LIGHT* of the *WORLD*.”

1 Thessalonians 5:5 (NRSV) ⁵for you are all *CHILDREN* of *LIGHT* and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.

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Where is your LAMPSTAND?

John 12:35-37 (NRSV) ³⁵Jesus said to them, “The *LIGHT* is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the *LIGHT*, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. ³⁶While you *HAVE* the *LIGHT*, *BELIEVE* in the *LIGHT*, so that you may become *CHILDREN of LIGHT*.” After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them. ³⁷Although he had performed so many signs in their presence, they did not believe in him.

Matthew 5:15 (NRSV) ¹⁵No one after *LIGHTING* a *LAMP* puts it under the bushel *BASKET*, but on the *LAMPSTAND*, and it gives *LIGHT* to *ALL* in the *HOUSE*.

Where is your DARKNESS?

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Challenge Questions:

Is your life ablaze with the light?

Where are you called to shine that light?

How is your light bringing glory to God?

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