

# PREACHING CURRICULUM

You Stand Out, So Own It!  
Matthew 5:14-16

*'...God changes the heart...the heart changes the person...the person changes the world...the world fights back...'*

## 1 REVIEW THE SERMON

LEADER NOTES: Encourage your members to pull out their notes and review the main points of the sermon. (9-12 mins)

Reread Matthew 5:14-16

What do we need to remember about our Christian identity from this passage?

What are some of the implications of the identity Jesus likens Christians to?

What are some of the implications of the identity Jesus likens to the world?

## 2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

LEADER NOTES: Evaluate the condition of your lives in relation to the truth from God's Word. Encourage heart examination. (12-15 mins)

How does the light of your Christian life stand out?

Have you ever tried to 'turn down' the light to fit in with those who are lost in the darkness? In what ways, and was it worth it?

How do you 'OWN' your being different as a Christian?

## 3 APPLY THE TRUTH

LEADER NOTES: Create a list of ways to close the gap between your lives and the truth of the Bible. Be practical and intentional. (12-15 mins)

If Jesus wasn't grooming disciples to appease the establishment, what are we supposed to learn about living out our faith?

What do we learn about Jesus call on our lives, remembering that the disciples were common folk not orators or any type of elite?

How can we tell people what they 'need' to hear, rather than what they 'want' to hear as Jesus did?

## 4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

LEADER NOTES: Call your small group members to make a commitment and get the group working together to follow-up with each other. (9-12)

*Jesus blesses boldness, light overcomes. When we are different, when we are light, people will notice; and glory is given to God.*

*'...we are light...we are right...Jesus said so...'*

Will you 'own' your distinction from the world of darkness this week? Will you shine?