

In Thailand, they use fireflies as guides for the boats.

People sit and watch us - like they watch the fireflies.

How important is this light to God?

Genesis 1:3

Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

The first Words God spoke in the Bible was: "Let there be light."

- The first thing you do is usually the most important.

Glowing – Definition: expressing great praise.

Live a life of glowing: expressing great praise to God.

Matthew 5:14-16

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Understanding light:

- Light overpowers darkness.
- Light develops and grows.
- Light directs and guides us on the right path.
- Light unpacks the truth and gives knowledge.
- Light distinguishes between right and wrong.

Take these statements and turn them into questions:

E.g. Are you the light? Do you overpower the darkness? Does the church overpower the darkness? Is your life developing and growing?

What you learn, you need to implement.

You're accountable for what you know.

You can help and guide other people, show them the path of righteousness.

Does your life direct and guide people on the right path?

A disciple of Jesus reflects His light.

John 8:12 - He is the light

Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."

Matthew 5:14 - you are the light

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden;

You are using God's light in the world.

There is no contradiction.

You need to shine the same light Jesus shone, no compromise, no differentiation.

We are to be His representatives in the world - if you don't do it, who will?

The world is desperate for the light of Christ.

In a world of darkness there is only one answer.

We are the fortunate individuals who have the Answer, His Name is Jesus Christ.

The world is lost, they don't know the answers.

What are we doing with the answer to the question they're looking for the answer to?

We live in a world where the world does not care about Jesus.

The world looking for answers gives us the perfect opportunity to shine brighter today than ever.

We are living epistles of the Bible that people can see.

The source of light is the SON.

Plants need the sun to grow, we need the Son to grow

The source is Jesus Christ.

People try and be their own light or look for other sources of light, just like fireflies looking for another source of light – but then they die in the grill of a car.

If you look for light in other places, you're going to get hurt.

Reflect His light.

If a couple of bugs can light the way for a boat in the river, imagine what this church can do.

What do we have that shines in the darkness?

Obedience, understand the Word of God.

Can people see this obedience?

Do they see the acceptance or rebellion of authority?

Do they see the Fruit of the Spirit in your life?

People are attracted to love.

People want the fruit of the Spirit.

What light are you portraying out there?

Are you able to forgive?

Forgive quickly, it puts you in a better place, gives you peace and shows the world that you're set apart.

The world likes unity and peace.

And God commands a blessing where there's unity.

