

# BE THE LIGHT

## ***Week 4 (Let Your Light Shine – Part 1)***

### MAIN IDEA:

God has given us the power to shine

### RECAP:

- God created us to be Light
- God put us in a position to Shine
- God gives us power to Shine (Part 1)
- God gives us boldness to Shine (Part 2)

Read Matthew 5:14-16

- Key Phrase: “Let Your Light Shine”
  - o You have the Power to Shine
  - o You have the Ability to Shine

Recap Last Week:

- Maybe some are afraid to shine
- Maybe some feel like you don’t have the ability to shine
- Well, if you don’t have the Holy Spirit – You Don’t!
- Acts 1:8 – RECEIVE POWER!

Romans 8:9 “You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him.” (Ephesians 1:13 | Galatians 3:2)

- When do we receive the Holy Spirit?
- What is Power? (Chicago Cubs have power? I have power?)
- POWER: The ability to do something or act in a certain way, the capability to direct or influence others; a supply of influence, control & force.

Illustration: Using a Flashlight

- Put Holy Spirit in (batteries) at moment of salvation (power)
- This is how God created us to be light
- God put us in a position to shine (to point people to Him) ... Not to be hidden under a basket
- He gives us the power/ability to shine
  - o So don’t quench the Spirit with sin (Put tape over the bulb on the flashlight)
    - Ephesians 4:30 “Do not grieve the Holy Spirit”
    - 1 Thessalonians 5:19 “Do not quench the Spirit”
    - Quench:
      - To satisfy thirst
      - To extinguish or put out