

DAY ONE

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

The Verse // Matthew 5:14-15

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in *The House*.

The Illustration // Years ago, in a small town, there was a man whose job was to watch the town's railroad crossing. When a train approached at night, he was to wave a lantern to warn those driving on the narrow road that a train was approaching and to stop until it passed.

One night, the train was coming down the tracks per usual and the man retrieved his lantern and took his place to warn any oncoming cars. He saw a car in the distance approaching the railroad tracks and began to wave his lantern in the moonlit sky. The car continued to barrel toward the train as the man began to frantically wave his lantern. The train was only seconds away from the railroad crossing but the car swiftly continued. The man waved the lantern as hard as he could, yet the car continued.

Finally the man jumped out of the way as the car sped by and hit the side of the train. The car was totaled! At the investigation, the man explained how he frantically tried to warn the car, yet it would not stop. The officer in charge said to the man, "Sir, you waved the lantern but you forgot to light it."

The Application // Leader : "Christians are not the source of light but we are to light up this dark world by reflecting the light of Jesus"

Activity // Find a mirror in your home, and get a flashlight. Turn out all the lights and shine the light into the mirror. Say "Just like a mirror reflects light, our lives are to be like a mirror which reflects the light of Jesus (the flashlight) to our world."

Now get some soap or toothpaste and smear it on the mirror. Light your flashlight in the dark again and shine it on the smeared mirror. Say "When our lives are smudged by sin, Jesus can't shine as bright in our lives."

Ask "How important is it to people who are lost in the darkness of sin that our lives be able to reflect the light of Jesus?"

The Quote // *"All through scripture God has been described as a Light. Not only that but bright clouds, a burning bush, and a pillar of fire have all been signs of His presence. God is light, Jesus is light, we unleash the Light."*

Pastor Steven Sexton

Let There be Light : Unleash the Light

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Prayer Emphasis // Take a moment to pray over our Kids in The House and House Students programs as it equips our children and students to be the lights of the world.

The Prayer // "Lord we see that everyone needs a moment to Meet the Father. Help our lives to live better outside our walls to clearly and accurately reflect what you are really like."