

## City on a Hill Study Guide

*"Give light, and the darkness will disappear of itself."* – Erasmus

### Monday:

#### John 8:12

<sup>12</sup> Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." (NKJV)

- In what ways do you think that Jesus is the "light of the world"?
  - How do those who don't follow Jesus walk in darkness?
    - What do you think are the effects of walking in darkness?
- How has Jesus brought "light" into your life?

### Tuesday:

#### Matthew 5:13-16

<sup>3</sup> "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. <sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. <sup>16</sup> Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." (NKJV)

- What are the two things that Jesus compares believers to in this passage?
  - When applied to food, what is the effect of salt on that food?
  - Would you say that you help life "taste better" to those around you?
- How are you letting your "light shine" before others right now?
  - Ask the Lord to show you ways that you can be more intentional about shining your light before others that they might glorify your Father in heaven.

### Wednesday:

#### Psalms 18:28-30

<sup>28</sup> For You will light my lamp; the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness. <sup>29</sup> For by You I can run against a troop, by my God I can leap over a wall. <sup>30</sup> As for God, His way is perfect; the word of the LORD is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him. (NKJV)

- How do you think God "enlightens our darkness"?
  - What do these verses say about the word of the Lord?
  - How has the word of the Lord been proven in your own life?
- *Prayer:* Ask God to show you if there are any darkened areas in your own life (sin or ignorance of God's truth). Pray that he would enlighten your darkness and that He would lead you in His Word and in His perfect way.

### Thursday:

### 1 Peter 2:9-10

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; <sup>10</sup> who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy. (NKJV)

- How are you described as a child of God in verse 9?
  - According to verse 9, what is your purpose as part of God's royal priesthood and holy nation?
    - What are some different ways that we can proclaim His praises?
- *Prayer:* Thank God for calling you out of darkness and into His marvelous light. Thank Him for His mercy and for making you a part of His family. Ask the Lord to use you to proclaim His praises and help bring more people into the family of God.

### **Friday:**

#### Isaiah 60:1-3

*Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. <sup>2</sup> For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the LORD will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you. <sup>3</sup> The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. (NKJV)*

- In verse 1, what are God's people told to do because their light has come?
  - According to verse 2, why do God's people need to shine their light?
  - How is darkness covering the earth today?
- What do you think verse 2 means when it says that "His glory will be seen upon you"?
  - What will happen as a result of this (v.3)?
- Take some time today to pray for the church and for believers (including yourself) in our area. Pray that we would arise and shine our light into the darkness around us. Pray for NCC and the North Campus location launch. That we would be a city on a hill that cannot be hidden. Pray for the lost in East Texas today – that they would come the light.