

NEW LIGHT

Pastor E. Paul Allen— January 1, 2017

1. Open in Prayer.

- Pray that people will capture what it means to be formed into the image of Christ and understand how He wants to shine His light in and through us.

2. Read aloud Matthew 5:13-16 (ESV) and review the acronym for **L.I.G.H.T.**

L	Love
I	Indwelled by God
G	Gracious
H	Healers
T	Trustworthy

3. Love

- Read Matthew 5:9, Matthew 22:36-40 (The Great Commandment)
- Read or recite the Vision of Transformation Church. Discuss how living an upward, inward, outward life represents a “new light” to the world today.
- The Vision of Transformation Church is to be a multi-ethnic, multi-generational, mission-shaped community that loves God completely (upward), ourselves correctly (inward), and our neighbors compassionately (outward).

4. Indwelled by God

- Read 1 Corinthians 3:16
- Discuss the difference between “striving for Christ” and “abiding in Christ”.
- Pastor Paul said, “Jesus lived, died and came alive again for us so that He could live in and through us as we abide in Him. How does that change the light others see in us? (HINT: Moves us from our performance to His presence)

5. Gracious

- Read Matthew 5:3, Matthew 5:7
- What does being gracious look like in your everyday life—at home, at school, at work?

6. Healers

- Read Matthew 5:4-5
- At TC, we talk about being the heart, hands and feet of Jesus. How does that apply to this Scripture in the aspect of us being healers to those around us?

7. Trustworthy

- Read and discuss “trustworthy” as seen in Matthew 5:6, Matthew 5:10-11
- In light of our current culture, why is being trustworthy an important aspect of being a “new light” for others to see?

Soul-tattoo: Allow God’s L.I.G.H.T. to shine in and through you.

- Read Matthew 5:13-16 each morning this week and pray that people will see God’s L.I.G.H.T. through us (Transformers) in 2017.

Close in prayer.

- Thank Jesus for shining His light in and through us.
- Thank Him for His abiding love, power and strength as He lives in and through us.
- Read Matthew 5:2-16 as the end of your prayer. Ask your group to marinate on the Scripture as you pray.