# **PURPOSE** (LARGE GROUP)

## Lesson 2: City Lights

Objective: How and why we should shine

**FOCUS SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 5:14-16

**TIME:** 45-50 Minutes

**Best Practice: A projector so the group can follow slides.**

**GAME/ACTIVITY**: Get 2 student volunteers and have them leave the room while a simple obstacle course is set up with items in the room. Blindfold Student 1 and have Student 2 lead them through the course by the sound of their voice.

*Discussion questions:*

What was the most difficult thing about completing the course? (not seeing, not understanding)

Did you trust your guide completely or would you rather have seen the course for yourself?

How did being in the dark make you feel knowing others were watching?

How did you feel knowing that your guide was protecting you from obstacles?

**LARGE GROUP DISCUSSION**:

Put a picture of the moon up on the screen (If you have projector available)

Question: Who can tell us why we see the moon?

Speaker: All good answers but let's see what Google says about this.

"How does the moon shine?" https://www.quora.com/How-does-moon-shine

The moon shines because its **surface reflects light from the sun**. And despite the fact that it sometimes seems to shine very brightly, the moon reflects only between 3 and 12 percent of the sunlight that hits it. The perceived brightness of the moon from Earth depends on where the moon is in its orbit around the planet.

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**How we see the moon depends on 3 things**: Is it facing the sun, how much shine it can take, and where it is positioned to be seen.

**Speaker: I need 3 readings tonight! We want to talk about these things tonight, and of course we want to start with the Son, S-O-N not S-U-N as we invite Jesus into our conversation, Lets pray.**

Most of us were afraid of the dark when we were younger AND some of us are still afraid of the dark! Some of us won't walk down dark alleys or hallways, and the first thing you look for when you come into a dark room is the light switch, so you can see what is there.

*READER #1* Please read John 8:12

PAY ATTENTION HERE, This is one of Jesus' "I AM" statements that we really need to pay attention to. Jesus says right here that He is the light that will light the way to walk us out of the darkness or MADNESS of the world. Just like a dark room, the light JESUS, helps us see the dangers or things we could fall over in the dark.

**Q=**How many of you have stubbed your toe walking through a dark room?

KEEP WATCHING, WATCH THE CONNECTION

**SLIDE-***READER #2* Please Read Matthew 5:14-16.

**Q=**WHO IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD? Right, Paul preaches that **we** are the light. WAIT, Jesus said He was! HELP ME HERE, If He is, how can we be?

**PURPOSE RIGHT THERE!** V16 says what?

**Q=**WHAT WILL OUR GOOD WORKS DO?

**Q=SHOW OF HANDS,** Think before you answer. **HOW MANY OF US ARE LIARS? SLIDE-** *READER #3* Please Read 1 John 1:5-6, **NOW HOW MANY OF US LIARS**?

If you still think you are, you can change that right now!

**Our purpose is to be light to this crazy, fallen world and really all we need to do is position ourselves to reflect the light of Jesus and point people back to Him. He is where the real light source is coming from.**

LIGHT UP AND HELP EVERYBODY IN YOUR CITY SEE JESUS SO HE MAY BE INVITE THEM INTO HIS ETERNAL LIGHT!

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