

## Small Group/Sermon Notes based on This Little Light 3

Remember, small groups are primarily for growing closer relationships with other believers. We can learn wonderful things in this environment but keep relationships first.

- Make sure everyone knows each other's names. Have everyone share a little about themselves and how life is going right now.
- **This Little Light**
  - Christmas Time! Celebrate the birth of Jesus, the light of the world!
    - **Read John 1:1-13 (Discuss v9 and v12)**
    - That is the good news of the Gospel if you receive it!
  - But Jesus said his disciples were the light in the Sermon on the Mount: **Matthew 5:14-16.**
  - So, we hold the beautiful truth of the Gospel and we are to share it with the world!
    - What could possibly go wrong with that? Discuss the following:
  - How do we as believers live out the victory in an often hostile world?
- **Part 3: Know what day it is.**
  - Ever get that wrong? It messed things up didn't it.
  - If we think we are living in the wrong "dispensation" that can mess us up a ton too.
    - Ex: Jesus has ALREADY COME!!
    - There are different times with very different spiritual situations: Garden of Eden, Pre-flood, pre-law, time of the law, time of the Spirit, etc.
  - So, what day is it? Today is the Day of Salvation.
- **2 Corinthians 5:16-6:2**
  - So, "Christ's ambassadors" is like "you are the light of the world."
    - How do you think outsiders feel we are doing with **v19**?
      - Why? (They think we think today is the Day of Judgment.)
      - Maybe some Christians think that, but they are wrong.
- Discuss 5 Common Errors regarding what day it is:
  - 1: Thinking today is the Day of Judgment.
    - Your job isn't to look at the world and find everything that is wrong.
  - 2: Thinking the Day of Salvation will last forever.
    - The Day of Judgment is real and it is coming. **Romans 14:10-12**
  - 3: There is no law in the Day of Salvation!!!
    - Christ fulfilled the law, he didn't abolish the law.
    - The law has moved from our actions to our heart. (sermon on the Mt. Matt 5-7)
    - Paul describes it in this famous passage: **1 Corinthians 9:19-22 (v21)**
  - 4: My personal "dispensation" must match the historical "dispensation."
    - Today is the Day of Salvation. That doesn't mean that you are sharing in that. It just means that you can.
      - You might be lost.
      - You might be in the midst of personal judgment/rebellion.
      - Don't let **2 Corinthians 6:1** be true for you.
  - 5: Disagreeing with God about what day it should be.
    - Jonah did this. **Jonah 3:6-4:3.**
      - Jonah didn't want them to get better, he wanted them to get what they deserved. Have you ever felt like that? (You look like Jonah when you do.)
  - Today is the Day of Salvation. Receive it, or share it.
- Pray for each other before you finish up!