

THEME:

Light it Up!! > Philippians 2:14-15 > Matthew 5:14-16 > John 3:19-21 > John 8:12

CONVERSATION:

- 1. Ever had a "whoa!!" moment because of the night sky? Tell us about it.
 - a. Ever had to navigate using some sort of light (a fire, someone's flashlight, etc)
 - b. What are the attributes you really wanted this light to have? (visible, etc.)
- 2. Check out Philippians 2:14-15 >

Do everything without complaining and arguing, so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people.

- a. How can just not complaining or arguing be "light" in today's world?
- b. Out of the list of "lights" we've covered this semester which is most needed in today's world?
 - i. Selfless, considering others better than themselves.
 - ii. Community builders seeking unity & connection instead of division.
 - iii. Don't 'chase likes' don't value people's praise over God's praise.
 - iv. Trust God & celebrate what he has done with hearts that know more peace & less anxiety.
 - v. Spend their thoughts on things that are noble, excellent, & worthwhile.
- c. Which of these attributes is hardest for you to 'reflect'?
- 3. Check out one more thing Jesus said > John 3:19-21 >

God's light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil. All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed. But those who do what is right come to the light so *others can see that they are doing what God wants. (*or: others can see God at work in what they are doing.)

- a. Jesus had to remind us not to hide the light he gives us (Matt 5:15) do we "hide" it because we're afraid we'll be 'hated' and people will 'refuse to go near us'?
- b. How can we be light so 'others can see' without being self-righteous & condemning?
 - i. Have you ever seen someone be this kind of attractive, humble light?
 - ii. What kind of difference would it make in our community, on our campus if all of us lit up like this?

RESPOND:

You mentioned above the kind of light off our list that's most needed >> what can we do this week to shine this way?

Pray for each other