

Jesus "light declarations"

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John 8:12

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Matthew 5:14a

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:14-16

MAXIM:
It is vital that those who have been illuminated become illuminators!

2025 Vision:

For River will shine brightly as a City on a Hill, led by 4,000 active disciples, individual beacons of light sharing the transformational message and life changing power of Jesus with every family in our community as we welcome 2,000 new believers to faith by 2025.

No one can be an active disciple, a follower of Jesus, alone!

"This is the crisis we're in: God-light streamed into the world, but men and women everywhere ran for the darkness. They went for the darkness because they were not really interested in pleasing God.

Everyone who makes a practice of doing evil, addicted to denial and illusion, hates God-light and won't come near it, fearing a painful exposure. But anyone working and living in truth and reality welcomes God-light so the work can be seen for the God-work it is."

John3:19-20 (MSG)

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Discussion Questions:

- 1. When did you open yourself up to the light of Jesus in your life?
- 2. How can you be the light of the world in your home, neighborhood, workplace and community?
- 3. What are your first thoughts about Fox River's 2025 Vision?
 - a. Will you be one of the 4,000 active disciples of Jesus?
 - b. Who is one you could help to be (name)?