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The Light of the World | Acts 13:44-14:7

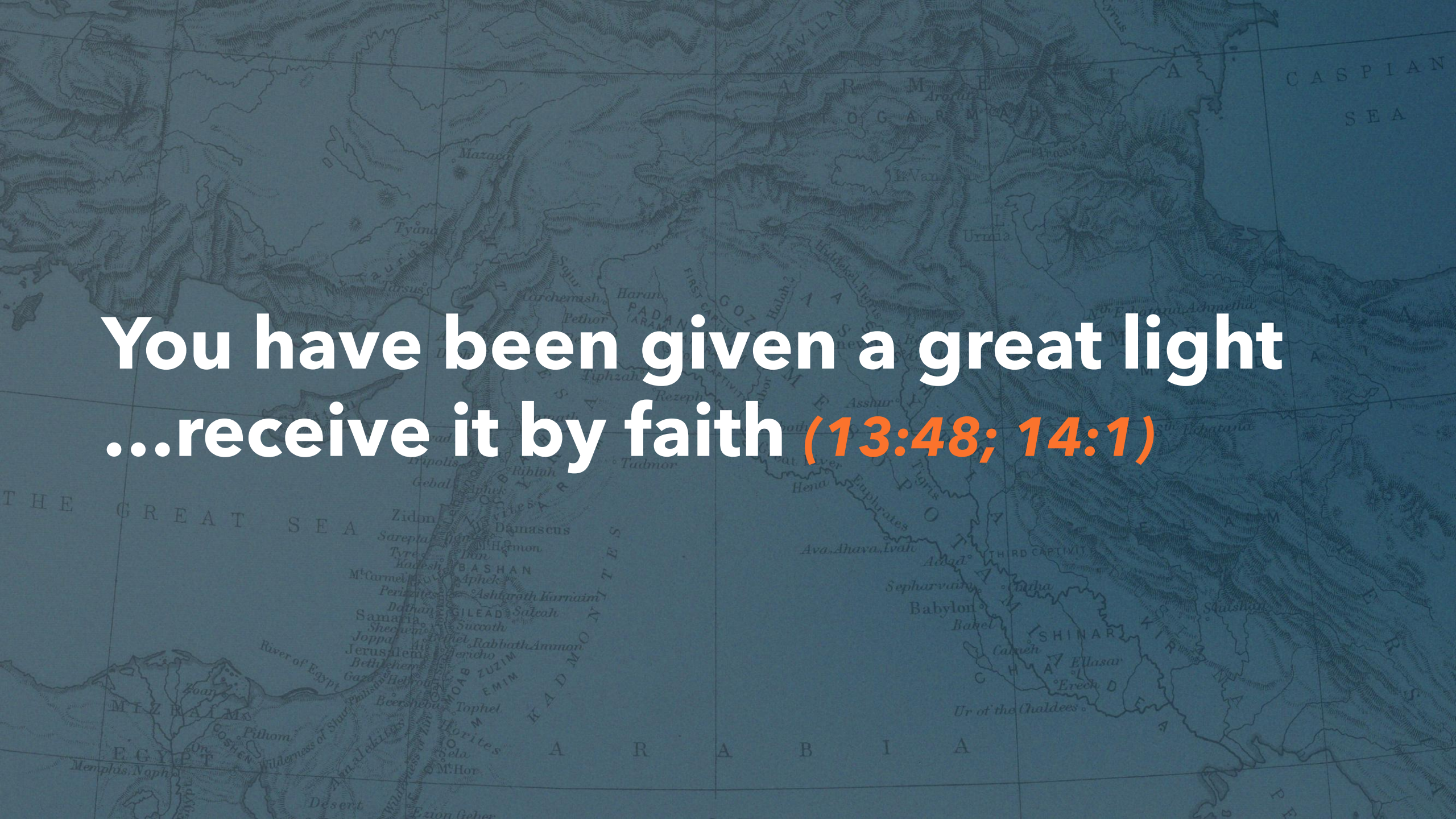
MAIN POINT

Jesus gave the light of the gospel
to be shared with the world.



The Nation of Israel was...

- Promised a great light (*Matt. 4:12-16*)
- Shown a great light (*John 1:9*)
- Resistant to the great light (*John 1:10-11*)



**You have been given a great light
...receive it by faith (13:48; 14:1)**



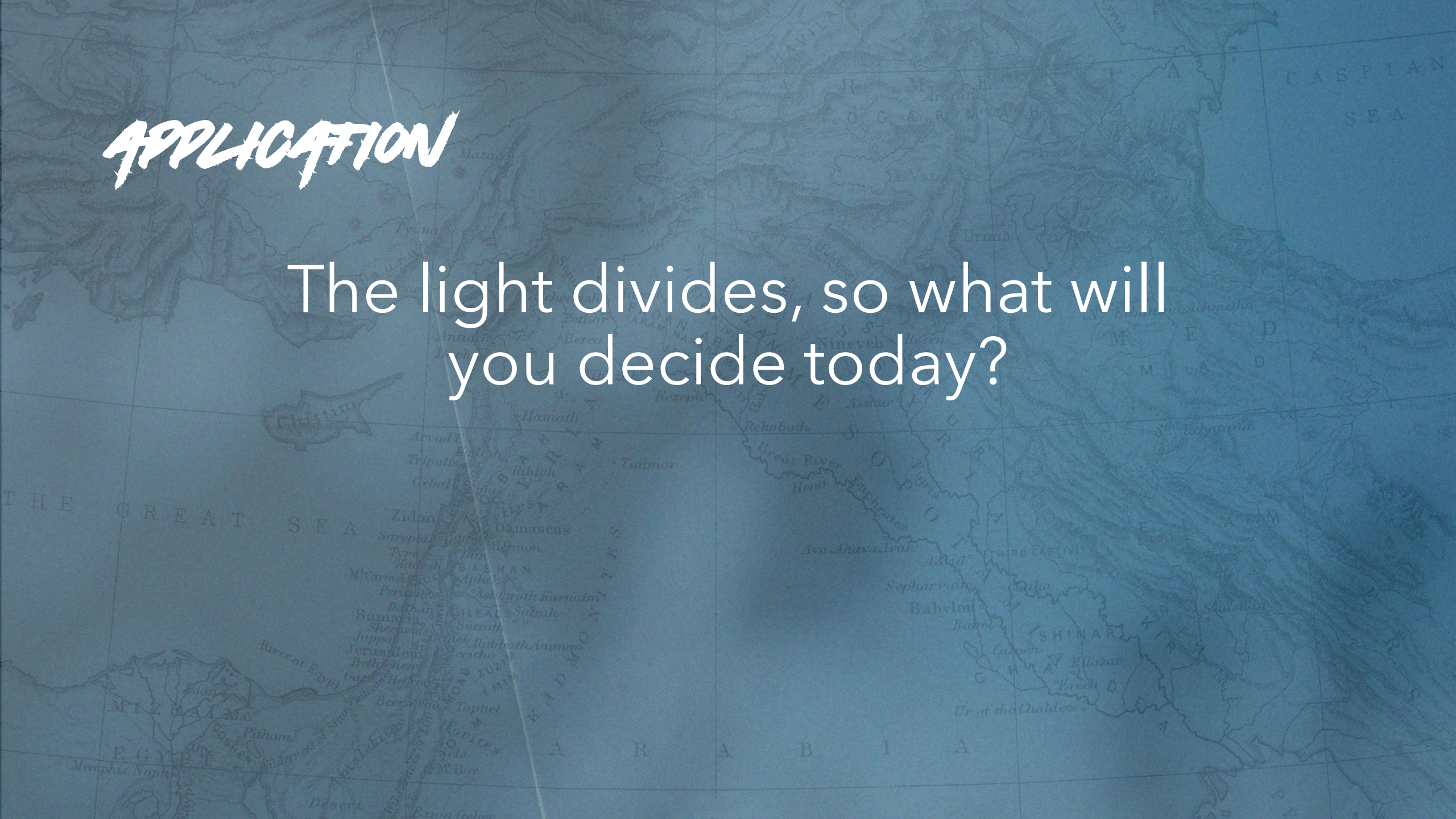
You have become a great light
...share it with others (13:46-48; 14:3)



You will be hated for your light
...don't let it go out (13:50-52; 14:5-7)

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Will you **reign** with
the Light in **glory**?



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“NOW TO HIM WHO IS ABLE TO DO FAR MORE
ABUNDANTLY THAN ALL THAT WE ASK OR
THINK, ACCORDING TO THE POWER AT WORK
WITHIN US, TO HIM BE GLORY IN THE CHURCH
AND IN CHRIST JESUS THROUGHOUT ALL
GENERATIONS, FOREVER AND EVER.”

3:20-21

"The Light of the World"
Acts 13:44-14:7 – Pastor Scott Gnuse

Main point: Jesus gave the light of the gospel to be shared with the world.

The nation of Israel was ...

- o Promised a great light (Is. 9:1-2; Matt. 4:12-16)
- o Shown a great light (John 1:9; 8:12)
- o Resistant to the great light (John 1:10-11; Acts 13:44-47)

Therefore...

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Application: The light divides, so what will you decide today?

- o Will you be _____ by the Light in _____?
- o Will you _____ with the Light in _____?

Growing Deeper

1. Read John 1:9-13. How does John connect the imagery of light to Jesus? Why is this language fitting?
2. Read Matthew 5:14-16. Why does Jesus call his disciples the light of the world? What should it look like for your life to shine the light of the gospel? Are there ways that your life is currently undercutting your gospel testimony with others? What needs to change?
3. What keeps you from speaking boldly for the gospel? Why do you think this is? What encouragement do you receive when you read Romans 1:16?
4. How have you encountered resistance to the gospel? When are you most tempted to tone down the light of your witness? How has this passage encouraged you to keep moving forward in faith?

Heart Preparation: Prepare your heart for worship on 11/01/26 by reading and meditating on Acts 14:8-23.

Prayer Prompt: Heavenly Father, I praise and glorify you for sending the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, into this world. Thank you for bringing salvation to the nations. May I be faithful to carry this light to those who are still walking in darkness. Amen!

Reaching Farther

Family: As a family, do an activity that illustrates the truth of Matthew 5:14-16. Light a candle and turn off all the lights. How is the candle helpful to the room? What happens if you cover the candle with a lid or large metal bowl (be careful with what you use!)? Is the light useful or useless? Help your kids understand how their lives are meant to show others the light of Jesus? Explain how sin and wrong priorities will conceal this light from others.

Community: Pray and ask God to give you boldness to share the gospel with someone this week who currently seems divided about Jesus.