

Matthew 5:14-16

10 May 2020

ICE BREAKER: Describe a funny memory of your mother or grandmother.

LARGE GROUP QUESTIONS:

(Read verse 14 & John 8:12) As He is the Supreme Light of the World, Jesus declares the **purpose** of all who follow Him. We, who now possess 'the light of life', are to become '**the light of the world**' for others. Often, the first person to shine Jesus to us is our **mother** or **grandmother**.

Author Sharon Jaynes describes a godly mother as a **lighthouse**. First, lighthouses are **built on solid rock**, never on a weak or shifting foundation. The unchanging bedrock of godly mothers is Jesus Christ Himself (Matthew 7:24-25, Ephesians 2:20).

1. Describe a time of **uncertainty** where your mom or grandma was a **constant**, a **solid rock** for you.

Notice not only the foundation of lighthouses, but also **their construction**. Lighthouse **walls** are built of **sturdy concrete** that **lasts through all seasons**. Concrete walls **withstand storms** and **unexpected crashing waves**.

The faith of a godly mother or grandmother often **stands between the family** and the unexpected and often **devastating storms of life**. Their faith not only outlasts any storm, but also **keeps peace within** the home when chaos reigns without.

2. How did your mom or grandma demonstrate **faith** and **peace** in the midst of a **family crisis** or **storm**?

(Read verse 14-15) The most important function of a lighthouse is to **shine its light**. In doing so, it provides two invaluable services. **By night**, a lighthouse gives **visibility for ships to go out** to sea and it **gives direction for ships to return home** to harbor.

By day, a lighthouse's presence is not hidden, but **elevated**. It is '**on a hill**'; it is '**on its stand**'. A lighthouse's elevation, height and bright color establishes it as a **landmark** for ships to know it's own location and to navigate safely.

3. Describe how your mom or grandma **prepared you well** to go out **into the world** and/or always welcomed **you back home** from being challenged in the world.

(Read verse 16) As a beacon of light, notice a **lighthouse's location**. Lighthouses are usually **located on the most dangerous spot** on the coastline. They are there in the midst of jagged, protruding **cliffs**, **reefs** or other dangerous land formations ready to rip into and sink any ship unaware.

The testament to godly mothers and grandmothers is this. They remain with us in the most dangerous of times, especially when others have given up hope on us or found it undesirable even dangerous to be around us. Godly mothers and grandmothers are there for us in our darkness, shining Jesus and always pointing us back to God the Father.

4. Describe a **difficult** or **dangerous time** your mom or grandma **pointed you back to the Lord**.

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PRAYER GROUP TIME

(Make a list of people whom those in your group plan to witness Christ to this week.)
