

Questions for discussion or reflection February

Jesus urges us in Matthew 5:16: "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." What does 'shining your light' look like for you? How can we ensure the spotlight is on our Heavenly Father rather than on us?

John the Baptist introduced Jesus to the watching crowd as the "Lamb of God" . . . the sin-bearer (John 1:29). that probably wouldn't work as an opening line for gospel witness today. How might we introduce Jesus to people?

Jesus is not only our sin-bearer. He is also our burden-bearer, inviting us to come to Him with whatever is wearing us down. In the February 9th reading I shared with you very personally of how Jesus carried our 'weary' daughter when earthly help was no longer effective. The Apostle Paul in Galatians 6:2 tells us, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ". Take this opportunity to share something that is burdening you with others in your group, or with a friend.

Jesus explains in Matthew 11:30 that the burden of following Him is light, due to His willingness to 'yoke up' with us and personally lead us through life's rough terrain. Many world religions crush their followers who seek peace with unattainable demands (see February 16 reading). Stop just now to pray for such individuals, that the gospel may reach them soon and relieve them of their burden.

As a group, or with a friend, discuss which scriptures in February's 'Consider Him' has impacted you, and why.