



## Week 1: Bright & Salty

### GET GOING

Some gifts are just meant to be shared. Whether it is your favorite gadget, tasty recipe, or top tip—some things we just *cannot help but* share with others. Jesus Christ is the best gift anyone could ever be given. Jesus was given with the intention that we would share what we have found in Christ with others. The way we live should show you have something to give!

### DISCUSS

1. What is the one of the most off-the-wall gifts you have ever received?
2. Read John 3:16-21. **According to verse 17, God gave his son for what purpose?** (Answer: to cover the sins of the world). **The verse is very clear that Jesus did not come into the world to do what?** (Answer: to condemn the sins of the world).
3. Read Luke 5:27-31. People who are asked to share why they are not Christians often state that it is because Christians are judgmental. **According to these verses what was Jesus known for?** (Answer: being a genuine friend of those far from God). **How does that change our idea of how believers should be around unbelievers?**
4. **How have you seen someone's opinion of Christianity change (positively or negatively)? What can we learn about being a positive influence from this example?**
5. In Matthew 5:14-16 Jesus tells his followers that they are to be a light in dark places showing people to the way back to God. **Have you ever withdrawn from a dark place because of your faith (ex: from a relationship, team or other environment)? Have you ever put yourself in one of those places for the sake of helping others find Christ? Tell us about how you knew what to do.**
6. **In what one situation or environment do you find it most difficult to be a light? Why?**

7. **Over the course of your life, who has made Christianity look the most attractive to you? What was it about this person that made God look good?**

### **WRAP IT UP**

Christmas is one of the rare times of the year when people are most open to talking about Jesus Christ. The thing is, the way you live should show that you have something to give. Take special care this month to pray for those you know who are far from God. Make it a point to invite them into your life by truly caring about where they are and consider inviting them to the Christmas Celebration with you!