

Launch – How can we present ourselves as the fragrance of Christ?

It is important for every believer to reconcile the idea that while we struggle some days to just get out of bed and get going with our day, that we must go with the understanding that we carry God's Fragrance, light, and life inside of us. Some days may be bright and clear, while others may seem fuzzy. Take courage, as we keep showing up to let our lights shine, the fragrance of Christ is experienced, and God will do a work in the lives of people me meet.

Read: 2 Corinthians 2:15 - ¹⁵ For we are to God the *fragrance* of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.

This year, we want to explore ways that our lives are viewed by the people that we meet. We want to be a "sweet smelling aroma" to those around us.

Explore – Discuss how the following truths from God's word should compel us to be the fragrance, or light of Christ.

1. Trust God's Light to Shine (Psalm 118:27-29).

Example: From (v. 27), since we are God's people, He shines His light through us. We should be compelled to shine the light well. Sin, complacency, and rebellion certainly dim our light.

- 2. Those who need to hear and see will (1 Corinthians 1:18, 23-24).
- 3. Live the message (Matthew 28:19-20).
- 4. Remember who and whose you are (Hebrews 11:13).
- 5. Be salt and light (Matthew 513-14).
- 6. Use your gifts (1 Peter 4:10).
- 7. Bear the image of God (Ephesians 5:1-2).

Apply – How can you apply what you just studied and learned?

- What verse that we just studied sticks out to you the most? How can you apply that verse to your life?
- What steps could you make to apply your verse?

Prayer – Ask the group to pray for you according to the verse that you want to apply most in your life.