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Title: The Power of a Question: Q6

Reading: Mark 4:21-23

1. Have you met people who brighten up a room as soon as they walk in? What do they do or say that makes you feel the effect of their presence? How do you feel about being, '*...the light of the world.*' (Matthew 5:14) What are some of the reasons (or excuses) that we use for not putting the light on a stand – leaving it under a bowl or under the bed?

Here are three ways that can help put your light onto a stand:

2. **LOOK FOR THE GOOD:** Why, do you think, we too often concentrate on the differences we have with others? What would it mean to shift from a Genesis 3 to a Genesis 1:27 view of everyone we lock eyes with? Is there good in everyone? Jesus said, '*whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed.*' Why do you think people are reluctant to talk about the good things in their lives? What sort of questions could you ask someone that would, '*disclose what is hidden*'? How could you help them celebrate what is good?
3. **LOOK FOR THE NEED:** What do you think are some of the needs that people have at the moment? What sort of questions could you ask someone that would, '*reveal what is concealed*'? How could you connect to those who reveal their needs to you? What sort of listener are you - '*Cool School*' or '*Be-bop*'? How could you create more gaps so that the light shines into them?
4. **COME AND SEE:** Matthew (Luke 5:27-31) and the Samaritan woman (John 4) made invitations to come and see. Is there a 'come and see' invite you could make to someone you have been 'shining your light on'? Make a plan to do it and pray for one another as you put your light onto stands and help people encounter Jesus - the light of the world.

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