


**YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**
**MATTHEW 5:14-16**
**DYNAMIC ENVIROMENT**

Word of God and lighting candle at the centre of the group;

Symbols

- small stones – about one inch, if possible coloured ones
- candles on a presentable platform, such as a vase with soil or sand

**OPENING // ORATIO**

Welcoming by the leader, short words and entrance song or meditation music

Welcome the Holy Trinity and invoke the Paraclete (optional prayer or song)

**READ THE WORD FIRST TIME // LECTIO**

Silence 2 minutes

**INTRUDUCTION OF THE TEXT // REFLECTIO**

Historical context: When Matthew wrote his Gospel, about forty-eight years after Jesus' death and resurrection, Christian communities faced difficult times. There were internal problems, conflicts with the Jewish leadership and persecution by the Roman Empire. In face of these challenges the missionary zeal was weakening. In response to this situation, Matthew mentions this parable of Jesus. In a similar way this parable is mentioned by another two synoptic gospels. The differences among them are: In Matthew 5:15 and Luke 8:16, it's just an affirmation without question, on the other hand in Mark 4:21 it is written in a form of two questions bringing pedagogically more emphases to Jesus's teaching. Another difference is that Matthew does not mention the word bed/ (Greek = *Kline*), which is mentioned by Mark and Luke – (*under the bed*). Mark and Matthew uses the word *módiön* in Greek to describe the container used to cover/hide the light and Luke uses the word *skevei*, which in Greek is a small container, vessel or clay jar to pour liquid. The Greek word *módiös* sometimes is figuratively translated as bushel or bowl, but it should means a basket, which was an recipient normally used to measure or keep dry goods like grains or cereals, with capacity of eight liters (8L); //Nearly to one English peck (8.81L), or roughly two English

Father there's a man that wants to buy the stone for \$200,000! His farther than said "son do you know the value of your life now?"

You see... it doesn't matter where you come from, where you're born, the color of your skin, or how much money you were born into. It matters where you decide to place yourself, the people you surround yourself with and how you choose to carry yourself. You may have lived your whole life thinking that you were a \$2 stone. You may have lived your whole life surrounded by people that saw your worth for only \$2. But everybody has a diamond inside them. And we can choose to surround ourselves with people that see our value and see the diamond inside of us. We can choose to put ourselves (our lighting candle), in a market or put ourselves in a precious stone store. And you can also choose to see the value (the light and brightness) in other people. You can help other people see the diamond (the shining light) inside of them. Choose the people you surround yourself wisely. That can make all difference in your life. - (AUTHOR: Unknown).

**THE WORD BECAME FLESH // ACTIO**

Present resolutions and gestures that can be taken for a concrete life-situations and commit yourselves.

**CONCLUSION// ORATIO**

A prayer of praise/thanks, a song, or the Lord's Prayer. (optional PSLM 119, 105 prayed or sung).

AMY GRANT - **Thy Word Lyrics**<sup>3</sup>

**R: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet ;  
And a light unto my path. (2X);**

*When I feel afraid,*

*And think I've lost my way.*

*Still, You're there right beside me.*

*Nothing will I fear*

*As long as You are near;*

*Please be near me to the end.*

**R: ... (2X);**

*I will not forget*

*Your love for me and yet,*

*My heart forever is wandering.*

*Jesus be my guide,*

*And hold me to Your side,*

*And I will love you to the end.*

*Nothing will I fear*

*As long as You are near;*

*Please be near me to the end.*

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<sup>1</sup> Complementary texts interlinked **MARK 4:21; LUKE 8:16.**

<sup>2</sup> Can be prayed any prayer to Blessed Trinity, from SVD-VADEMECUM number 103, pp.19-24.