

## **Matthew 4:12-16**

*Jesus: The Light Shining in the Darkness*

### A Strategic Move (vv. 12-14)

- Based on the Situation (vv. 12-13)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Based on the Scriptures (v. 14)

### A Shining Light (vv. 15-16)

## **Application of Matt 4:12-16**

1. Matt 1:1-4:11 is Matthew's introduction to who Jesus is and His preparation for ministry (v. 12 transitions to the start of Jesus' ministry), summarize what you learn about Jesus from this early part of the Gospel.
  - a. How does this summary encourage and remind you of who Jesus is and what He has and will do?
2. What can you learn about "withdrawing" from hostile relationships or situations through Jesus' strategic move after hearing about John's arrest? See also Matt 10:23; Acts 8:1; 9:23-25; 13:46
  - a. Are there situations in which we're called to persevere, rather than withdraw?
3. Jesus' move to Capernaum wasn't only strategic based on His situation but also based on the Scriptures. Consider the sovereignty of God to move you and work in your life according to His will.
  - a. Thank God for this encouraging and comforting truth and ask for His help to affirm this reality in future challenging times.
4. The northern tribes of Israel may have been the least expected place to host the King of the Jews, but what does Jesus' ministry to these people teach us about His compassion, grace, love, & mercy?
5. What other verses in Scripture describe the impenetrable spiritual darkness unbelievers live in?
6. Look up other references to "light" as it relates to Jesus and His people, what do these teach you about Jesus, what He's done, and our relationship with Him?
7. Thank Jesus for shining in the darkness of your heart and mind, so that you would see and know Him!
8. Ask God for an opportunity to proclaim Jesus as the light shining in the darkness this week.

Reading this week: Matthew 4:12-17

## Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Book</u>	<u>Sermon Main Points</u>  <i>Jesus: The L_____ Shining in the D_____</i>  A Strategic M_____ (vv. ____ - ____)  - Based on the S_____ (vv. ____ - ____)  - Based on the S_____ (v. ____)  A S_____ L_____ (vv. ____ - ____)  	<u>Other Bible References:</u>  _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ 
<u>Chapter</u>		
<u>Verses</u>		

### Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

God/Yahweh/ Father	Christ/Jesus/Lord	Darkness	Light	Matthew	People/Us

What is the message about? \_\_\_\_\_

How can you do this? \_\_\_\_\_

What/who can you pray for? \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a picture related to the message: