

# GENESIS STUDY QUESTIONS

*“The Light of the World” Matthew 5:14-16*

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## Getting Started

What would your closest friends say that you live for? (Do you live for food?...TV?...Surfing?...Shopping?)

What would you say that you live for? Does this reflect a greater concern for yourself or others?

## Digging Deeper

One of the most difficult aspects of a faith in God is understanding that life is not about us. In Isaiah 43, God helps Israel re-adjust their perspective: life is about God and *His* glory.

Read Isaiah 43:1-7. What hope does the Lord give to Israel?

According to verses 1 & 7, who created us, and what is our purpose?

Read Isaiah 43:8-13. What was Israel's purpose as a nation?

Think about how you live your life and where you place your priorities. What is your life about? If you feel comfortable, share with the group.

God had to remind Israel that their purpose is based in who God is and what He had done for them. They were created so that God would be glorified.

## Application

Read Matthew 5:14-16. What do you think it means to make your light shine before men?

Why do we strive to be a light to the world? What is the point?

As a Christ follower, do my actions/habits point others toward God?

What habits of mine need to change so that I can be a light to the world?