

Study Aids
Discussion Questions and Suggested Reading
For “What’s the Message?” Lessons

Lesson 101

Questions:

Have you ever given much thought before to the distinction between “having” salt and light and “being” salt and light? Does this distinction call for action on your part?

If so, what kind of action is being mandated? Do you have any option about being active or not?

What is the meaning of this statement by Dietrich Bonhoeffer to you?: “Men are not to see the disciples, but their good works.”

Are you to be “invisible” while your good works are seen as the love of God in action? What is the connection between this concept and being a “good and faithful servant”?

Is this a productive way to be a witness for Jesus?

Suggested reading for further study:

The two books we have cited in this lesson are not casual reading, as in a novel. These books will make you stop and think, and thinking may be the most challenging thing we humans ever do. However, it is not only good exercise, it is the best way to grow in your spiritual understanding. Accordingly, these books are highly recommended for your personal library. **The Cost of Discipleship**, by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, published by The Macmillan Company (available in paperback), and **Follow Me**, by Martin Franzmann, published by Concordia Publishing House.