



Flag Families: We encourage you to take a few moments to read and discuss with your family over dinner or at bed time.

WEEK 5:

>READY

“You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.
-Matthew 5:14-16

>SET

This past week at Flag Football Taryn talked about how one of his favorite verses is Romans 1:16 which says “For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes.” He encouraged us to not care what other people think and say about us, but to care about God’s view of us.

When someone is on a team they usually wear team shirts, use team gear and do team cheers. They like to represent their team and let others know that they're part of it.

As Christians, Jesus calls us to let our "light shine before men" rather than hiding His light under a shade and covering it. This doesn't mean that we have to forcefully demand that someone become a Christian or go around telling people they're doing wrong all the time, but we should show Christ with our lives. We should live unashamed of being a Christian and never try to cover up the fact that we are followers of Jesus Christ.

Many Christians, including me, try to pray quickly in public so that no one will notice what they're doing. I've done that many times when a player from the other team is injured. And when someone asks us why we're not doing something that goes against the will of God, we often try to come up with other reasons, like telling our friends that our parents are "making" us miss the pick-up game of basketball to go to youth group.

Jesus doesn't call us to shove our faith in people's faces, but He does want us to be honest about knowing Him. Today, don't hide your role as a member of His team. Instead, live out your love for Him and don't be ashamed!

>GO

1. Can you think of any times when you or someone else has tried to make an excuse for doing something for Christ?
2. What are three ways you can you represent your faith in Christ to others?

>OVERTIME

LORD, give me the wisdom and boldness to both do loving things and speak loving words that reflect You to those around me. Amen