## Native American Ministries Sunday Sermon Starter

Use the following Scriptures and reflections to jumpstart sermons related to each special offering.

## Celebrate the gifts and contributions of Native Americans.

"You are the light of the world. A city on top of a hill can't be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they put it on top of a lampstand, and it shines on all who are in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven." – Matthew 5:14-16, CEB

Do you ever hide your light under a bushel? God calls us to be light-bearers. That's a pretty good description of what we do through our special offering today as we nurture mission with and provide scholarships for Native Americans who want to let their light shine.

This Sunday United Methodists observe **Native American Ministries Sunday** by receiving a special offering. This day recognizes the gifts and contributions of Native Americans to both church and society. Because of your gifts, The United Methodist Church nurtures mission with Native Americans and provides scholarships for United Methodist Native American seminarians. Please give generously. Thank you!