



PART 2: CALLED TO SHOW

Sermon Notes

Text: John 4:7-26

Intro:

Bethel Church Mission: *We exist to worship God, grow in faith and show the world who Jesus is.*

We are called to show the world who Jesus is.

When I share and show Jesus, I'm not merely boasting about my blessings. I'm increasing the blessing in my life AND I'm giving you the opportunity to experience the same blessing.

Matthew 5:13-16

We have an *identity*, which produces an *activity*, which provides us an *opportunity*.

1. Identity

God's primary concern is who you are, not what you do. Then, out of your identity comes your actions.

2. Activity

Salt - We are agents of preservation

Light - we bring illumination

Light does its best work when it shows up in dark places.

3. Opportunity

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Showing the world who Jesus is, gives people an opportunity to experience the same blessing we've experienced.

Good beliefs + good works = the light of Jesus

Matthew 27:54

1 John 4:10

John 10:18

Philippians 4:14-16

Conclusion:

Life Group Discussion

Warm up:

1. Were you scared of the dark as a kid? Are you still? Why is the dark scary? How do you fight that fear?
2. What stood out to you about Sunday's sermon? What was interesting? Confusing? Weird? Thought provoking?

Study & Discussion:

1. Read Matthew 5:3-16. The beatitudes (v. 3-12) give a little more context on the character qualities and attitudes of those who are "salt and light" in the world. What do you notice about the nature of those who are "blessed"? How do these qualities fulfill our call to "show the world who Jesus is?"
2. Salt is an agent of preservation. What are Christians supposed to be preserving? How do we do it? How do *you* do it?
3. Pastor Dave said this: "Light does its best work when it shows up in dark places." What do you think he meant? Does this mean there are no boundaries on the places Christians should go? Or are there careers that a Christian can't have? Why or why not?
4. Read Philippians 2:5-15. This passage encourages us to imitate Christ's attitude of humility. The result is the we "shine" (v. 15). What do you think are some unique ways that Christians can "shine" their light in the world? What are some things we've done well? What do we need to work on?

Application:

1. Is there someone you need to forgive this week? Is there someone you need to love? Is there something you need to stop grumbling or complaining about? Let your light shine...

Prayer:

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