

Be an Influencer for Christ: Be Salt and Light!

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

Today, many of us are caught between two cultures — the culture of the world and the culture of Christ — and the problem is that many in the church today are influenced by worldly culture. The idea of going against the tide is for us to swim against what's going on in present society and to become the antidote to this problem as Jesus said in Matthew 5:13-14: to be salt and light in this world.

Be Salt of the World

Salt is a preservative, antiseptic, flavoring, and creates thirst. It is also crucial for survival. Refrigerators did not exist during the time of Jesus, so without salt, fish and meat would rot. We need salt to preserve and to survive. However, salt will lose its saltiness when it is contaminated.

In Matthew 5:13, Jesus reminds us that we are the salt of the world as we have a crucial role in influencing people towards Christ. He also emphasizes that we are “in the world”, but “not of the world” (John 17). However, just like salt, Christians can lose our saltiness when we compromise our Biblical values. If we continue to sin, we will “no longer be good for anything” and we will lose our effectiveness to witness for Jesus. Therefore, we have to associate with other people and model Christlikeness in order to retain our “saltiness”.

Jesus set an example for us in Mark 2:15-16. When He was dining with His disciples, there were many tax collectors and sinners with them. The religious people saw this and questioned why Jesus was eating and spending time with sinners. When Jesus heard them, He replied, “... I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners” (v. 17). To influence and lead others to Christ, we need to be intentional and build relationships. By being involved with people who do not know Jesus, we can win them to Christ through our gentle and loving behavior (1 Peter 3:1-2).

Are we associating with people who do not yet know Jesus? Do we draw people to Christ or away from Him by our behavior? We are all influencers, we all need to be Christ-like!

Be Light of the World

The purpose of LIGHT is to illuminate and to guide. The world is in darkness, and those who are perishing cannot see because “the god of this world”, Satan, “has blinded the minds of the unbelieving” (2 Corinthians 4:3-4). We must know the reality of the devil and the reality of the light of God's truth. Our job is to help people see His truth, being the “light of the world” (Matthew 5:14). This is not about religion — this is about a relationship with Jesus Christ. We are to shine the light of Christ to others pointing people to the Truth!

In Matthew 5:14-15, Jesus continues: “A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.” We put the lamp on a lampstand because we want to share the light. Matthew 5:15 reminds us that as Christians, we are not supposed to hide the light. Verse 16 says “let your light shine”: it is a statement in a permissive imperative tense, meaning you must not hinder your light from shining. We ought to do this so that others may see our good works and glorify God in heaven. We must reflect Jesus in the good works (Gk. kalos) we do so that others will be drawn to Christ and that we may impact their lives and the community we live in.

To be salt and light is not only about what we do but what we should not do. Philippians 2:14-15 reminds us to check our behavior: “Do all things without grumbling or disputing; so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world.”

As Jesus is the light of the world (John 8:12), we must reflect the light of Jesus. Are we walking in the light and reflecting the light of Jesus? Let us all be influencers for Christ: BE SALT & LIGHT!

last week's memory verse

Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

MATTHEW 5:16

discuss this message

- What does it mean to be salt and light?
- How do we become effective salt and light?
- How do we lose our saltiness or light?

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Hope in Jesus, He is forever faithful.

See you at the Welcome Center and
let's discuss about it.

Step Into the Community

Fellowship and learn together with people like you!

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SPECIAL EVENT


Influence with Intention: How to Make a Lasting Impact

with Camille Yambao

September 26, Thursday, 10:00 AM, MPH

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Blueprint for Leadership: Building a Faithful Generation of Leaders

September 27, Friday, 7:30 PM, MPH

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September 28, Saturday

2:00 PM, CCF Center

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In Focus: Service in the Family

Sundays, 9:00 AM, 12:00 NN, 3:00 PM

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ZOOM: for ages 7-12; 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM

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Learn More About Our Faith

Continue to be equipped in your discipleship journey.

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GLC LEVEL 1

Book 1: One by One

ONSITE: September 22, Sunday

10:30 AM, Room 2A

ZOOM: September 25, Wednesday, 7:30 PM

Book 2: Spiritual Disciplines

ONSITE: September 22, Sunday

1:30 PM, Room 2A

ZOOM: September 25, Wednesday, 7:30 PM

GLC LEVEL 2

Book 5: Starting Point for Small Groups

ONSITE: September 22, Sunday

1:00 PM, Room 3A

ZOOM: September 26, Thursday, 7:30 PM

Register & enroll here: linktr.ee/ccfglc

Power-Up: Leadership Training to Empower DGroup Leaders

with Ptr. Ricky Sarthou

September 29, October 6, and October 13

11:00 AM and 2:00 PM

SEPT 29: G/F New Building

OCT 6, OCT 13: 2/F New Building

Register: bit.ly/GLCPowerUp

Baptism Class and Rites

BRIEFING: G/F New Building

September 22, Sunday, 1:30 PM

YOU BEING HERE IS NO ACCIDENT!

God brought you here
for His purpose.

God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful
life with Him in the present and gain
eternal life with Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God,
He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps
His covenant and His lovingkindness** to
a thousandth generation with those who
love Him and keep His commandments
– Deuteronomy 7:9*

God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us
from Him.

*Everyone has sinned and is far away from
God's saving presence. – Romans 3:23*

God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for
us to be reconciled to Him: through His
son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the
cross for our sins and be raised to life for
eternity.

*But God demonstrates His own love
toward us, in that while we were yet
sinners, Christ died for us. Much more
then, having now been justified by His
blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of
God through Him. – Romans 5:8*

*I am the way, and the truth, and the life;
no one comes to the Father but through
Me. – John 14:6*

God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we
are forgiven of our sins and saved from
eternal death.

*For God so loved the world, that He gave
His only begotten Son, that whoever
believes in Him shall not perish, but have
eternal life. – John 3:16*

*For by grace you have been saved through
faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift
of God; not as a result of works, so that no
one may boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9*

Would you like to place your faith in Jesus Christ today?

Lord Jesus, I need You. I confess that I
am a sinner. I believe that You died on
the cross to pay for all my sins. With Your
help, I will turn away from my sins. Please
come into my life and be my Savior and
my Master. I accept Your gift of eternal
life. Make me the kind of new person You
want me to be. Thank You for giving me
eternal life. Amen.

God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life
when you trust in Jesus.

*And the testimony is this, that God has
given us eternal life, and this life is in His
Son. He who has the Son has the life; he
who does not have the Son of God does
not have the life. These things I have
written to you who believe in the name of
the Son of God, so that you may know that
you have eternal life. — 1 John 5:11-13*



Services at the CCF Center




Saturday Nights

5:00 PM

Sundays

9:00 AM, 12:00 NN,
and 3:00 PM

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