

The Big Idea: God’s call on our life is to be a light in a dark world.
We’re to daily live out the gospel before a watching world.

I. From the beatitudes to the similitudes

A. CHARACTER to CALLING

B. World to US and us to the WORLD

1. State of DECAY

2. Place of DARKNESS

3. IDENTITY and PURPOSE

II. It’s all about illumination

A. The SOURCE

1. GOD is light

2. Jesus said, I am the LIGHT

3. The WORD - LAMP to our feet...LIGHT to our path

B. The PURPOSE

1. REVEALS things as they really are

2. Gives GUIDANCE

C. The RESULTS

1. See your good WORKS

2. GLORIFY God

D. The DANGER

1. WHAT can happen?

2. HOW does it happen?

• ISOLATION

III. What we take away...

Simple ways to be salt and light...

1. Get to know your neighbors by name
2. Invite them to the Christmas Celebration Service on the 17th
3. When working outside look for opportunities to talk with your neighbor
4. Share baked goods with neighbors
5. Invite neighbors over for coffee and dessert
6. Attend and participate in homeowner’s association meetings
7. Attend the parties your neighbors invite you to
8. Host a sports game watch party
9. When you're out and about be intentional about seeing needs around you (i.e. look up from your phone)
10. If you have a regular meeting with friends, invite someone new
11. Trust God to orchestrate situations that you would be unable to put together yourself. Then be ready to follow His lead!
12. Look for ways to glorify God during moments of frustration (the example given was of a day when nothing was going right and right at the end they met a family in need of help.)
13. Put together zip lock bags of necessities for homeless people and carry them in your car. Include toothpaste, brush, shower wipes, coat, blankets
14. Put together care packages for kids in low income situations.
15. Invest in children's lives through education. (e.g. volunteer at schools) Support ministries such as WaterServe - that offer both physical and spiritual nourishment
16. Have your 2-minute testimony practiced and ready to give.
17. Know the resources that are available to people in need. Locations of homeless shelters, places or resources for those in abusive situations, free clinics, food kitchens, financial assistance and planning, etc. Make business cards with this information and be ready to hand them out as needed.
18. In the normal flow of life be open to meet and engage new people