



Digging Deeper

Putting your faith in ACTION!

This morning let's not be just 'hearers' of the Word, but 'doers of the word. Take some time at lunch, dinner, or bedtime to DIG DEEPER into the today's lesson and story. Take a few moments to apply today's lesson to our lives.

ASK MYSELF...challenging questions for the heart:

1. There is such incredible pressure to simply give into what the world wants the church's values to become. Why must we resist this? Do you resist this pressure?
2. Read the Martyn Lloyd-Jones quote on the other side. How have you experienced this in your own life? Are you living your life in such a way that it will actually attract those around you to Christ?
3. In what ways has God challenged you to become less comfortable through this series? What changes have you been willing to make? Where might you still be resisting?
4. Take a moment to take these things to the Lord in prayer.

FOR THE FAMILY...challenging questions for family life:

1. Read together Matthew 5:3-16. Spend some time walking through the beatitudes and what they practically mean. Also spend time discussing why Salt needs to be salty and light bright!
2. Who can your family invite to church next week?
3. Take some time to pray together as a family.



Today's Service

February 25th, 2018

Series: Uncomfortable

Part 4: Countercultural Comfort

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Revelation 19:6-9 (NLT) ⁶Then I heard again what sounded like the shout of a vast crowd or the roar of mighty ocean waves or the crash of loud thunder:

“Praise the Lord! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns. ⁷Let us be glad and rejoice, and let us give honor to him. For the time has come for the wedding feast of the Lamb, and his bride has prepared herself. ⁸She has been given the finest of pure white linen to wear.” For the fine linen represents the good deeds of God’s holy people. ⁹And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb.” And he added, “These are true words that come from God.”

God has not called us to be the _____ church.
He has called us to be the _____ church.

It is the uncomfortable _____ which grows, stretches, and builds the body of Christ to be _____ in the world.

The Church that will change the world is the one that provides a _____ to the way things are.

“The glory of the gospel is that when the church is absolutely different from the world, she invariably attracts it.” ~ Martyn Lloyd-Jones

Matthew 5:3-11 (NLT)

- ³“God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.
- ⁴God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- ⁵God blesses those who are humble, for they will inherit the whole earth.
- ⁶God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will be satisfied.

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⁸God blesses those whose hearts are pure, for they will see God.

⁹God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God.

¹⁰God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

¹¹“God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers.

Matthew 5:13-16 (NLT)

¹³“You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. ¹⁵No 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. ¹⁶In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

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⁷God blesses those who are merciful,