

Bible study for the week starting February 8, 2026

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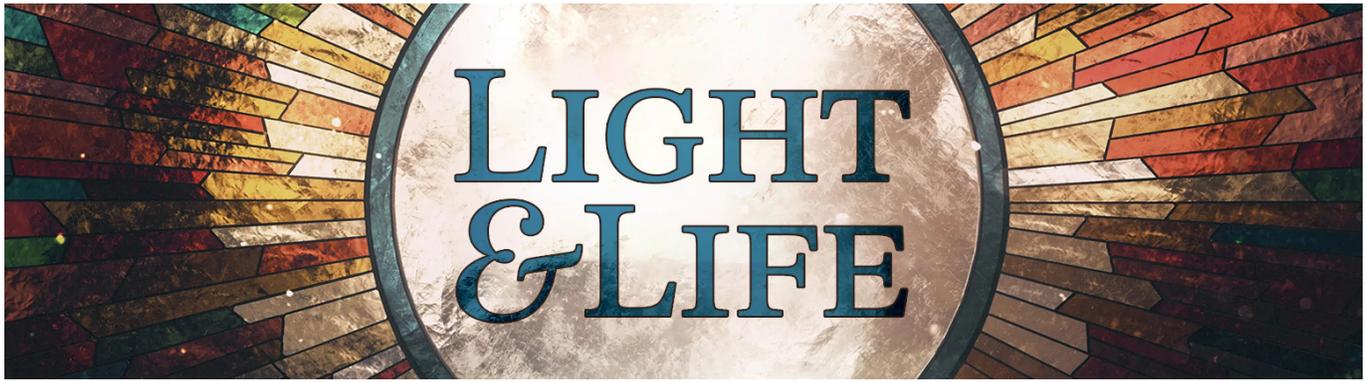
What's the most memorable sermon you've ever heard (excluding the Sermon on the Mount; Jesus has an unfair advantage)? What sticks out about it?

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. Read **Matthew 4:23-5:16**. This passage starts with Jesus traveling in ministry outside of Israel to Lebanon, Syria, and Jordan; think about those places then and now. What significance does it have that he drew crowds both near and far?
2. Jesus tells us a primary reason He came was to “preach the good news” of the Kingdom. What's the “good news” we hear in the sermon on the mount in Matthew 5 to 7, and as you focus in on the Beatitudes?
3. Go beyond “conceptual clarity” and aim for “behavioral specificity.” What does it look like – in a tangible/applicable way – for you to be salt and light this week?
4. Read **Exodus 20:1-16**. Can you see how Jesus' sermon on the mount is a re-giving of the original sermon on the mount [Sinai]? What is similar or different? Does one contradict the other?
5. Read **1 Corinthians 12:31-13:8a**. Paul shows us a more excellent way, that is led and governed by love. Again, does this contradict what happens on either Mt. Sinai or the Sermon on the Mount? Do you hear Jesus' instructions and wisdom and preaching in a positive or negative way? What about the list of what love “is” and “is not?”

PRAY

Pray for the preached, spoken, read and studied Word of God to take root in your life and transform you in a living, active way.



LIGHT & LIFE: TAUGHT BY JESUS

Matthew 4:23-5:16 (Exodus 20:1-21, 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:8a)

February 8, 2026 – Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

The Gospel is for the **WORLD**, and Jesus has a **COMPELLING** message.

Jesus paints as clear of a picture as He possibly can of what you are **SIGNING UP FOR** as one of His disciples.

HEAVENLY BLESSEDNESS vs. WORLDLY PATH

It's not just **WHAT** Jesus said; it's **HOW** He said it.

Foundational to the sermon on the mount is the **TRUST** that salvation comes only through **JESUS**, that we are saved by **GRACE** alone.

Whether you want it to be or not, your life is on **DISPLAY**.

Is this the type of **FAITH** that translates to **LIFE**?

For next week, read Luke 9:28-36.