

Talk 10: An Invitational People

Overview

On Sunday we moved into our 4th value as a Church which is that "We delight in joyfully sharing the invitation of Jesus with the World around us." We saw how the call to be missional is for all and can be outworked joyfully as we love the World he put us in. We looked at how we are called by Jesus to be Salt and Light to the World. Both are very distinct and stand out, which is what Jesus is emphasising. To be an invitational people means we will stand out and we will bring hope to all with whom we come into contact. The message of God's people being called to bless the World is one you can see from Adam and Eve all the way through the scriptures and into the Church. God has always called his people to help, bless and influence the world for His glory. This is still our call today and we want to grow in living that out in the World around us.

Scripture

Matthew 5:13-16

Questions

1. What challenges do you face when it comes to living out this value: "We delight in joyfully sharing the invitation of Jesus to the World around us?"
2. Reading verse 13, what do you think are the encouragements and the warnings Jesus is giving us?
3. Likewise with verses 14-15, what do you think are the encouragements and warnings Jesus is giving us?

Why do you think Jesus emphasises in verse 16 that being invitational is ultimately about giving Glory to God the Father? Is this our focus when we think about mission?