

COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

Influencers Message Series

The Church
for the week of May 17, 2020

1. In this brief teaching series, we are looking at two major influences that God has designed to use for good in our lives – the church and our homes. In your own life, how has the church been an influence for good?
2. Have you had to struggle through times when it was not? How did you respond then?
3. How have you pushed beyond those difficult seasons or experiences in church to remain connected to a local church?

Jesus describes his intent for the church to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.
Read Matthew 5:13-16.

4. Right now is a difficult season for all of us. We are looking forward to gathering and being together again in a building. It will be great when we are able to! Yet how can we keep the focus not on ourselves when we think of what church should be, but on the mission to be the light of the world?
5. What have been some helpful ways that you can examine your own words and actions to make sure you are not distracting people from seeing Jesus more clearly in your life?
6. Followers of Jesus are called to be the salt of the earth. That means we are to be vital to the world around us. What are some ways you can invest in the church being vital to our community?

It says in Matthew 5:16 let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Again, it's been a tough season because the opportunities to do good – to represent the light of the world – have looked very different recently. Rather than focusing on what we are unable to do, pastor Jeff encouraged us to seek to be the light of the world in doing small acts done with great love.

7. Answer the final question from Sunday's message, "Why should I do good, and what good should I do?"
8. Identify one small act you can do with great love this week to shine as the light of the world. Share that with your group now or text it later to a couple people in your group as an extra bit of motivation to be the light of the world!



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