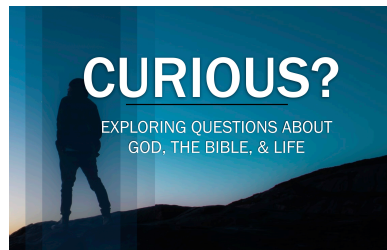


SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

Bringing Out the God Colours

With Ryan Dawson - Lead Pastor
July 18, 2021



How did you affect those around you this past week?

Matthew 5:13-16 (NLT) “You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavour? 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. ¹⁵ No 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. ¹⁶ In 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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v. 13 (MSG) “Let me tell you why you are here. You’re here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavours of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You’ve lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage.”

So how are you affecting those around you?

- **We are to be like light.**

Matthew 5:14-15 (NLT) “You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ No 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.”

Matthew 5:14-16 (MSG) “Here’s another way to put it: You’re here to be light, bringing out the God-colours in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We’re going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don’t think I’m going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I’m putting you on a light stand. Now that I’ve put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine!”

But what is God’s ultimate purpose for us to be salt and light?

v. 16 “In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.”

v. 16 (MSG) “Now that I’ve put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you’ll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.”

- **We are here to affect the world in positive ways, so people SEE God.**

Big Idea: Through Christ, affect the world in positive ways, so people see God.

How do we apply this?

- **To be salt we first need to taste the goodness of God.**

Psalm 34:8 (NLT) “Taste and see that the LORD is good, Oh the joys of those who take refuge in Him.”

- **To be light we need to know The Light (Jesus) and walk in His light.**

1 John 1:5-7 (NLT) This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all. ⁶ So we are lying if we say we have fellowship with God but go on living in spiritual darkness; we are not practicing the truth. ⁷ But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.

Kingdom Assignment: Look for ways to be intentional in your generosity this week.



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5. What is God's ultimate purpose for us in being "salt and light"? Why is this important?
6. In what way is God asking you to be "salt and light" where you live, work, play, and go? What steps will you take to affect your world in positive ways?
7. Read and reflect on Psalm 34:8 and 1 John 1:5-7. What is God saying to you? What step will you take in this regard?
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