

Notes: Moral of the Story | Lamp on the Stand
Josh Campbell, Compelled Church
August 7-8, 2021

Josh Campbell has been the intern at Compelled Church this summer as part of his education and training to be a pastor. He is a Senior at North Point Bible College. It is our tradition and practice to give a love offering to our intern at the end of the summer. Would you give a gift to help Josh finish his senior year? Thanks, P. Nate

Matthew 5:14-16

Two Options

1. Place your Light on a stand for all to see
or
2. Put your Light in a basket

1. Who are you? Who does God say you are?

2. The character of God

3. What does it look like to be the light?

Ephesians 5:8-9 *“for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light (for the fruit of the Light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth),”* (Ephesians 5:8–9, NASB95)

4. The Fruit of Light

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.” (Galatians 5:22–23, NASB95)

Sermon Discussion Questions:
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1. Are you familiar with the Parable “The Lamp on the Lamp Stand”?
 - a. Matthew 5:14-16
 - ii. “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Your light must shine before people in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”
 - b. In your own words what is Matthew 5:14-16 teaching us?
2. Why don’t we put our light on the lampstand?
3. Have you ever felt like God has failed you?
 - a. If you have ever felt like this, read the story of Joseph and how he overcame difficult circumstances repeatedly (Gen. 37-41).
 - i. Joseph learned to trust God even when it didn’t make sense.
 - ii. What do you need to turn over to God and trust Him?
4. As we reflect on Josh’s story (his traumatic experience), has God ever spoke to you?
 - a. Most of us don’t hear God audibly, but has His still small voice given you a thought, a prompting, or a feeling? Share your experience.
 - b. Has God ever put you in (allowed) what seems like an impossible situation, and brought you through it? Share your experience.
5. Who are you? Who does God say you are? How does trust fit into who God says you are?
6. What does it look like to be the light?
 - a. Look at Ephesians 5:8-9
 - i. For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), as you try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.
 - b. How does Ephesians 5: 8-9 help us understand what being a light looks like?
7. Josh shared how he has been saved for 5 years, has served in kids and students ministries for 4 years and because of those experiences God has challenged him to step out of his comfort zone to pray, lead and just let his light shine.
 - a. What is God pushing you to do? How or in what way is God pressing on your heart to step out in faith and be a light?