

A city street scene with a large white circle containing text. The background shows a busy street with buildings, palm trees, and cars. The text is centered in the white circle.

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We seem to live in an anxious, divided age

class

climate
change

race

brexit

immigration

economy

social issues

terrorism

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A city street scene at dusk, featuring palm trees, modern buildings, and traffic. The sky is a mix of orange and blue. In the foreground, there are blurred figures of people walking and cars moving. A large white circle in the bottom left corner contains the text 'THE CHRISTIAN IN TODAY'S SOCIETY'.

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domestic issues

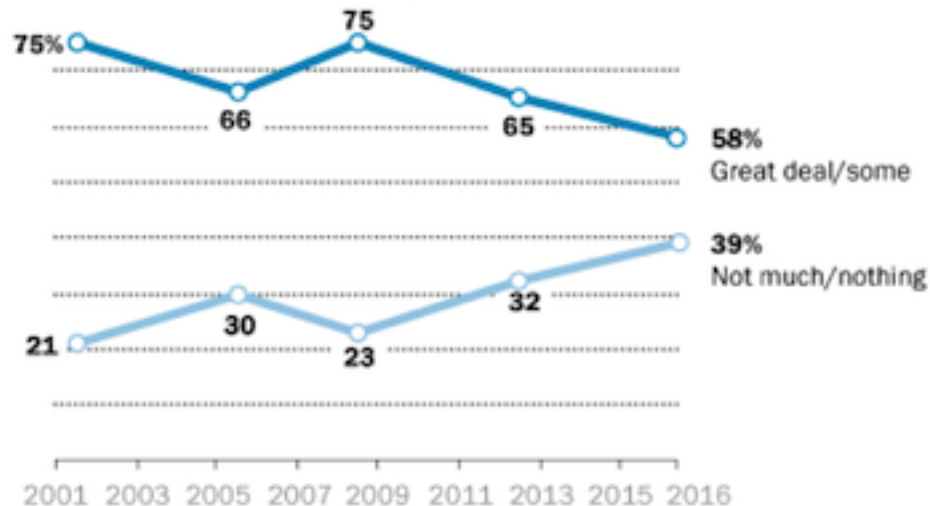
global issues

with our election

as Christians seems to be losing influence in today's society

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Shrinking majority say churches, synagogues contribute to solving important social problem



Pew Research Center June 15-16, 2016

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Jesus came for human flourishing

*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that **they** may have life, and have it to the full. John 10.10*

Theological Liberalism

for society
for this world

Evangelicalism

for individuals and society
for this world and the next

Theological Fundamentalism

for individuals
for the next world

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We are Salt and Light to our World Matthew 5:13-16

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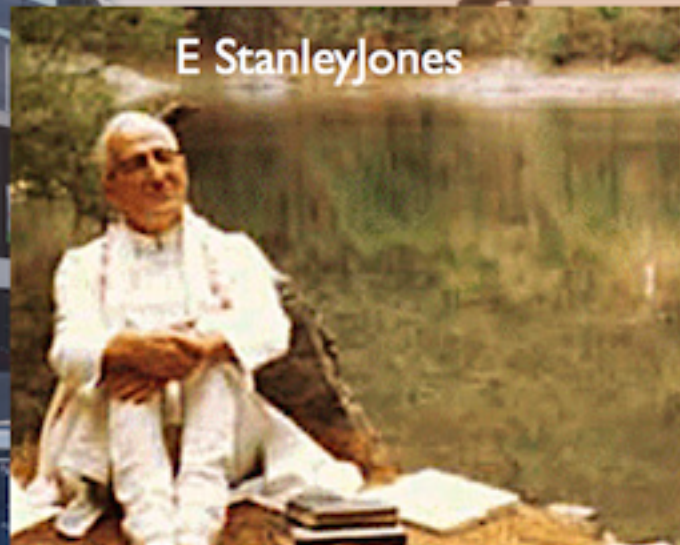
Jesus uses descriptions

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We must not lose our essential nature

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"The number one problem in the church is irrelevance. 3/4 of the opposition to the church stems from disappointment."

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Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors 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.

Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors 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! 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

The Message

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Darren, Krista, Eli & Zion

Serving the Lord in Film & Entertainment

Leaving for a film project in Alabama

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