

MESSAGE NOTES



OASIS SERMON NOTES

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20TH, 2022

This week we continued our series on "Lost and Found." This week we discussed the importance of Jesus emphasizing our identity as being "Salt and Light." Pastor Billy highlighted the importance of sharing our faith with others. He drove home the point that we have the opportunity each day for our light to shine brightly in such a dark world.

In all honesty, what scares you the most when you consider sharing your faith? Describe ways that someone can overcome this.

My Story

- Describe what it means to have a "public faith" vs. "private faith"? Which of the two do you think Jesus intends for us to have?
- Since we are called to be the light in a dark world, how does this play out in our everyday life?

Digging Deeper

- In Matt 5:13-16, Jesus commands us to be "Salt and Light." When you consider how important sharing our faith is, what characteristics does Jesus give regarding a person who lives this way?
- In your own opinion, why is it necessary that believers share their faith consistently? If it's not as important, explain why?
- Sharing our faith comes at the expense of our intentionality. In your daily life, what does it look like to live with the awareness that others need the "Good News" shared with them?
- Regarding sharing our faith, we often think more about what's in front of us, not what's to come. Describe what it means to live more eternally minded. How does this affect the way that we live?
- Pastor Billy emphasized in John 10:10 that Jesus came to answer some of life's unfathomable questions. In what ways does the passage provide hope to those searching for God? How does this passage bring comfort to your heart?

- This week Pastor Billy highlighted the importance of us reflecting the nature of the one who saved us. How can we become better reflectors of the life and nature of Christ? How does this impact our witness to others?
- Describe how you could live a life more sensitive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit as it relates to sharing the gospel. Currently, how would you rate your sensitivity to the Holy Spirit? (Scale 1-10, 10- Flourishing, & 1- Not at all)

Closing:

God desires for us to be on mission. Being on mission requires us to live intentional lives that look for opportunities to share the gospel with others. This week's message challenged us to consider how we live because this could often deter individuals from coming to faith in Christ. We also discussed God's plan for all to enter into an intimate relationship with Him through Jesus. This is an encounter and transformation that's open and available to all humanity. This week, the challenge is to look for opportunities throughout the day where you could be intentional about sharing the gospel with someone. Be sure to ask the Holy Spirit how you approach the conversation, then record your experience.