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Your calling is to influence your world with Jesus

1. Influence the world with Jesus by remaining useful for his purposes.

Matthew 5:13-16

- a. You have a purpose!

- b. Your obedience is not just for your sake.

Peter: our purpose is "to declare the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9-12)

John: we must "live in the light as he is in the light" (1John)

James: faith leads to faithful living: "faith without works is dead" (James 2:14-18)

2. Influence your world with Jesus by living like Jesus in the world

Ephesians 5:8-18

- a. Find out what pleases God.

- b. Live under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

Now What?

Influence the world with Jesus by remaining useful for his purposes and living like him in the world.



FROM YOUR EXPERIENCE

Who are the people God used (or is using) to influence you for Jesus? How did He specifically use them to influence you for Jesus?

LEARN FROM THE BIBLE

Matthew 5:16 What is the overarching motive for being a Jesus-influencer to our world? Why is it important to remind ourselves often of this purpose?

Read Ephesians 5:18-19 and Galatians 5:22 together. How would you describe a person's life who is "under the influence of the Holy Spirit" or "filled with the Holy Spirit?"

1 Peter 2:9-12. How are the people of God described in this passage and what purpose(s) are they called into the light?

DISCUSS TOGETHER

Why is important to first respond to the gospel then seek to live out the gospel? What can happen if we get this backwards?

How are salt and light good analogies for the Christian's influence in the world?

Why is it important to be fueled and empowered by the Holy Spirit as we seek to influence our world for Jesus?

Is there an area in your life that you'd like to see more influenced by Jesus?

What can you envision for yourself, family, small group, and Trinity Church when you hear that "Your calling is to influence your world with Jesus?"

PRAY FOR

- Jesus-influencers in your world
- Those attending this week's *Discover Trinity* as they learn more about Trinity Church's DNA
- Missions teams that will be going to various places this summer to be salt and light
- By name those people you're seeking to be a Jesus-influencer towards

LIFE RHYTHM

- Write a "thank you" note, email, or text to the people God is using to influence you for Jesus
- Text an encouraging Bible verse to someone in your relational world, letting them know you are thinking about them.