

Salt & Light

Missions Emphasis 2020

Part 2
Matthew 5:13-16
September 27, 2020

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 a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.
- Matthew 5:14-15

I. LIGHT SHINES

- The nature of light is to shine. Light cannot be dark, nor can dark be light (John 3:19, 8:12, 9:5; James 3:10-12).
- We are a city set on a hill. Some who live in that city may dim their light, but not all (Vs. 14).
- Good works matter. Salvation is by grace alone, but not by grace that is alone (Vs. 16; Eccl. 12:14; Rom. 14:12; Eph. 2:10; Titus 2:14).
- As always, it is the glory of God we seek. The heart of gospel proclamation is for the sake of his great Name (Rom. 1:1-6).

II. MISSIONS & LIGHT

- The goal of missions at LifePoint is to be a light for the gospel in Indianapolis, and to distribute light into a dark world (Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 1:8).

III. HOW WE DISTRIBUTE FUNDS AT LIFEPOINT

- Almost exclusively for new missionaries from LifePoint
- Based on the ministry
- With a goal toward increasing missions awareness and passion
- Only with those who will stay connected with us
- With a view toward “Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the world”

IV. WHY GIVE TO MISSIONS THROUGH LIFEPOINT?

- We are a sending church (Acts 13:1-4).
- Our collective giving gives our individual dollars more impact.
- Because God encourages us to do so (2 Cor. 8:1-15, 9:6-15; Phil. 4:14-20).

KNOW: Light shines naturally, and darkness cannot overcome it. We are called to be light in a dark world.

DO: Prayerfully consider giving to missions through LifePoint in 2021.

Suggested Reading:

Let the Nations Be Glad by John Piper (LifePoint Library #264 PIP)

Shadow of the Almighty by Elizabeth Elliot (LifePoint Library #266.282)

A Chance to Die by Elizabeth Elliot (LifePoint Library #266.132)

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please Read Matthew 5:13-16.

1. Why do you think Jesus utilized the metaphors of salt and light in his sermon on the mount?
2. In what ways do we “hide our light under a basket” as Christ-followers? Why do we do this at times?
3. What does the world think about missions today? What do they think about our call to be salt and light?
4. How do our good works bring glory to God?
5. How do we best engage in missions and evangelism when we do not “go to the mission field” ourselves?
6. Have you been challenged in any ways during this years’ missions emphasis?