

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION (Matthew 5:13-16 & 28:18-20)

1. This was the third (& final) week of our "Core Values" sermon series; as you consider the order of these three values, why is this the only order that logically makes sense?

*Love God, Love Others, and Transform the World Through Christ*

Why are these three aspects so important for us as Christians?

How are you investing your time to reveal your values in life?

Do you feel that these three statements are evident in your life & the life of our church? Why or why not?

2. Jesus calls us the "salt of the earth" & "the light of the world"

How do salt and light impact whatever they come into contact with?

How does understanding their functional purposes in the world help us to understand ours?

Why do you think Jesus chose these two everyday items in these statements?

3. Read Matthew 5:16, 1 Corinthians 15:58, & Ephesians 2:8-10.

What does this reveal to us about our call to do good works?

Why should we do good works, and what are some of the potential pitfalls for us when it comes to "good works"?

How does this perspective impact our understanding of works & salvation (if it's helpful - consider the sequence)?

4. Read Matthew 28:18-20 - this is known as "The Great Commission."

Consider Jesus' opening statement in v. 18 - how does this both *compel* and *encourage* us to obey His command that follows?

Jesus commands us to GO and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit.

What does this look like practically in our lives?

What are some ways that you could personally be more intentional to GO and MAKE DISCIPLES in your life?

What are some ways that we as The Church could intentionally GO and MAKE DISCIPLES?

How does "...teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" relate to what He's already said?

In looking at the latter part of verse 20 - how should this encourage us in our journey with Christ?

What does this reveal about our responsibility to Jesus as His disciples?

5. Below are the "So What?" statements from the end of the sermon.

Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, and if so, how?

1. Be salty - you are salt, after all!

2. Live in such a way that you shine Jesus' light!

3. Do all things for God's glory & in Jesus' strength!

4. We're commissioned to GO and make disciples!

5. We must be transformed by Christ before we can be used transformationally in the world!