

Message Notes

April 14, 2013

Living Church
Serving the World
Matthew 5:13-16
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- ◆ There's ___ such thing as a *living church* that isn't _____ the world.
- ◆ We are people on a _____ in this world! (Mt 28:18-20; Acts 1:8)

Salt & Light

- ◆ Once we're transformed _____ it extends _____ . (Mt 5:1-12)

"You are the salt of the earth... "You are the light of the world."
Matthew 5:13, 14

- ◆ Jesus calls His _____ to be " _____ & _____ " in the world.
- ① The church is to be *radically* _____ from society. (1 Pet 1:15-16)
- ◆ We must _____ our distinctness to be _____ . (Ro 12:2; Rev 3:16)
- ◆ People are _____ to God when we _____ out our _____ . (Da 12:3)
- ② The church is called to _____ our _____ . (Mt 5:15; 1 Pet 2:12)
- ◆ A *living church* is a church that _____ its community. (Col 4:5-7)
- ③ The church *really* _____ influence and _____ society! (Mt 5:14)
- ◆ While we can't _____ society we can _____ it. (Prov 11:11)

The Challenge

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. **Matthew 5:16**

- ◆ We _____ in this world through " _____ " of _____ .
- ◆ People want more than _____ for faith; they want _____ .
- ◆ Good deeds are _____ just a _____ to an _____ . (Mt 25:31-46)
- ◆ The _____ of a *living church* is to bring _____ to _____ .
- ◆ To be a *living church* that is really " _____ church" we _____ be focused on the _____ Jesus gave us: to _____ the _____ .
- ◆ Will I be _____ & _____ by _____ others for God's _____ ?

Our Local Ministry Partners

Beerlahai Roi Women's Ministries – a place where homeless pregnant women can call home.

Contact Ministries – offers emergency and transitional shelter to women with children.

Enos Elementary School – public elementary school in Springfield District 186.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes – impacts the world for Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes.

Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach – sends medical supplies around the world.

In His Hands Orphan Outreach - cares for orphans by providing orphan and adoption awareness, support for children in orphanages, and serving as a resource for families pursuing adoption.

Lake Springfield Baptist Camp – offers Christian camping experiences for children and youth.

Mather Wells Project – work with the Mather Wells Association on projects they identify.

Salvation Army Shelter – provides a temporary home for men and women in Springfield.

St. John's Breadline – provides meals to underprivileged in Springfield.

The James Project – provides support for fostering families.

Young Life – reaching out to unchurched adolescents in the Springfield area.

Washington Street Mission – provides resources to underprivileged people in Springfield, including tutoring children.