

SERMON SERIES: Impact: Those Near Us and Like Us
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Key Line

God calls us to shine His light to those near us. (God calls me to shine His light to those near me)

Introduction

This season we are focusing on Jesus' plan to change the world through us in His power. Foundational Scripture: Acts 1:8. This week our focus is on 'Judea', those who are near us and like us. Who is in your sphere that is near you and like you? Compare the people that you listed with others in small group, does everyone have the same list of people?

Seek the Word

Read John 1: 1-5, Acts 8: 1-4, Galatians 2:20, Matthew 5: 14-16.

- How is Jesus described in John 1?
- How are we (followers of Jesus) described in Matthew 5? What are we called to do in Matthew 5?
- This calling of being a light in a dark world....how difficult is that for you? Why is it easy or difficult? What does being a light mean?
- Acts 8 indicates believers "preaching" after they were scattered. Preach in the Greek language means bring good news to ONE. Who is your ONE?
- Read Galatians 2:20 again. What's the good news there? Who is giving you the strength and power to be the light in the world?

Talk About It

Think about those people in your life that are like you and near you. Your neighbors, friends, people you often see. Practical tips are below.

1. Pray. Pray for these people, pray for opportunities to be a light in their life.
2. Be intentional. Get to know your people, ask them questions, encourage them.
3. Be willing to give up yourself; your time, your talents and abilities, your resources. What does that look like with your people that are like you and near you?

What came into your mind when reading these practical tips of being the light in the world with your people? What will you do this week?