

THE JOY OF LIVING IN A FISHBOWL

Matthew 5.14-16

LETTING OUR LIGHT SHINE

A significant part of baptism and public declarations of faith is the public aspect of the proclamation. We stand before not only God, but our church family, as well as those that we love that don't believe in Christ, and we make it known that we love and desire to follow Jesus. Similar to a wedding ceremony, rather than keeping our love for our spouse a secret, we want everyone else to know and see. But this also is inviting others into the story of our life.

1 Thessalonians 2.7, 8

**We ought to invite people into our homes,
but it ought to be for the sake of inviting them into our lives.**

PLAYING HIDE AND SEEK

If God is truly God, He would not be able to be simply "found" by finite beings. If He could, He would be a terrible God. He is, by definition, as "God," above all of us, and if anyone of us could "find" Him against His best efforts, He would cease from being God. For us to "find" Him, it is actually *He* who reveals Himself, willingly, to us.

The only true God is a God who pursues.

John 20.21

SAVED TO BE SENT

John 1.9-14

You were saved to be sent, not saved to sit.

Each Christian is meant to "go." Be it into our own families, schools, workplaces, or across the globe, every believer is saved by God and sent into this world to bring the hope, light, and joy of Christ.



NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Ephesians 2:4-5 ^(ESV)

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **Matthew 5.14-16**. What stands out in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

It is against our nature to desire to live our lives in a proverbial fish bowl. What part of the Gospel can we remind ourselves in order to help us live a life that puts our faith on display, rather than hiding it and keeping to ourselves?

Repent and Ask for Provision

Do you try to guard your time and privacy in a way that prevents people from truly entering into your life? Do you keep people at an arm's length? How might this prevent others from truly knowing and seeing the work of Christ in your life?

Your Life Mission

We have all been called to live our lives in a fish bowl, so to speak, so that others can see our good deeds and glorify our Father in heaven. Hopefully, our lives, which includes the good, bad, and ugly, can be a testimony and witness of the work and love of Christ.

What opportunities has God given you to be able to be a city on a hill and invite others into your life? What opportunities do you need prayer for?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love. Make sure to end your time of prayer **Yielding with Thanksgiving** for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



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**MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.**



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