

Week 3: Love the World

Overview: This message will focus on transforming and mobilizing disciples who **Love the world**. God calls us to love beyond the church walls. This message challenges students to use their time, talents, and treasures to serve and bless people who don't yet know Jesus. Our generosity reflects His mission.

Key Scripture: Matthew 5:13-16

Supporting Scripture: Colossians 4:5-6, 1 Corinthians 10:31, James 2:14-17

CONTENT

Key Takeaway: When we live generously with the world, we make the invisible God visible.

Key Points

- You are called to make a difference.
 - Salt preserves, enhances, and creates thirst. (v. 13)
 - Your life should make people curious about Jesus.
 - Colossians 4:5-6: Let your conversation be full of grace.
- Your time, talents, and treasure all matter.
 - Don't hide your light. Use what you've been given. (vv 14-15)
 - God uses ordinary gifts to do extraordinary things.
 - Whether it's \$5, your talent for singing or playing music, your gift of hospitality...God wants it used for His glory! Your offering can open doors for Jesus.
 - 1 Corinthians 10:31 – do everything for God's glory!
- Generosity leads to influence.
 - Let your light shine so they may see...and glorify God (v. 16)
 - Generosity opens hearts to the gospel.
 - People see your faith when it costs you something – your time, effort, or comfort.
 - James 2:14-17: faith without action is dead.

Gospel Application: Jesus didn't stay safe or comfortable – He entered a broken world to give Himself for those who were far from God. We follow His example when we serve the world with open hands and bold love.

Key Question: Who in your life needs to see God's love through your generosity this week?

APPLICATION

Activity Suggestions

- Bless the School Challenge: each student picks one way to bless their school this week (clean up, write a teacher a note, speak to a new student, bring snacks for a classmate, etc.)
- “I See You” assignment: challenge students to spend 10 minutes a day intentionally noticing people who may be overlooked. Share who they saw and how they responded.
- Community prayer walk: walk around your church, school, or neighborhood praying silently or out loud for people who don’t know Jesus.
- Testimonies: share testimonies of how they’ve lived generously.
- Reverse offering basket: instead of collecting money, pass a basket with challenge cards: encourage someone today, give away something, help a stranger, etc. The student needs to complete the task before next week.

Community Group Questions

- What does it mean to be “salt and light” in your school or friend group?
- How can generosity create opportunities for someone to experience God?
- What are some talents or interests you have that could be used for God’s mission?
- What keeps you from being generous toward people outside your church?
- Who is one person in your life that you can be generous with to bring God glorify and show them Jesus’ love?