



Identity

I am the Light of the World

A few weeks ago when our team came home from the Dominican R. They expressed the desire to give a report to the church.

Series already scheduled – but it seemed to be a perfect fit for today’s message...

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Identity

- *I am forgiven*
 - *I am God's child*
 - **I am the light of the world**
 - **I belong to God**
 - **I have God's Spirit within me**
 - **I am a member of the body of Christ**
 - **I am a citizen of heaven**
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Do a quick overview...

Matthew 5:13-16

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READ THE TEXT

INTRODUCE THE TEAM

Dominican Republic Team 2015



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SO WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD??

FOCUS ON 3 WORDS...

1. TESTIMONY –who are we?
2. PROXIMITY – where are we?
3. WORKS – what are we doing in Jesus’ name?

Testimony

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet. (v13)

Who are we? Does our life reflect Jesus?

Explain:

“You are the salt... later- you are the light...”

Losing our saltiness...

Salt and Light are intended to fulfill its purpose... (flavor, preservation)

If salt loses its saltiness – it no longer good for anything.

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Proximity

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Where are we? Who are we influencing for Christ?

Explain

To fulfill its purpose, light must be in a location where it can shine in the darkness...

Where are we?

Who are we influencing for Christ?

Dominican Republic Warren, PA...

“as we are going make disciples...”

Is God calling you to go somewhere to be light in the darkness?

Already there? Do you see your life as a mission ?

Works

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What are we doing? What good thing are we doing in the name of Jesus?

Explain:

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see **YOUR GOOD WORKS** and **GIVE GLORY TO** your Father who is in heaven.

What are we doing? What good thing are we doing in the name of Jesus?

Ask God to open your eyes to the need around you. How would God want you to meet this need?

If you were removed out of the place where you live, **WOULD YOU BE MISSED?**

If our church shut it's doors down today, would we be missed?