

4. Why is courage necessary for living out our faith but being a courageous person is not?

5. How can Christian become more prepared for meaningful adverse consequences of living out our faith in the world?

6. Why is it so important to remember that growing in the values and practices of a good and beautiful life (what Jesus calls us to in the Sermon on the Mount) by journeying with Jesus and his people is essential to our faith?

Good & Beautiful Life (The Sermon on the Mount) - Part 3

“How Does Jesus Want Us to Impact Our World?” (Part 2)

Matthew 5:13-16

How Does Jesus Want Us to Impact Our World?

Jesus calls us to be in the world in the world, but not of the world.

“Not of the world.” That’s one of the most difficult challenges followers of Jesus face, and it’s absolutely _____ to our faith.

“In my travels around the country, one thing has become crystal clear to me. Christians are not prepared for the social consequences of the profound cultural shifts—especially in more secular parts of the nation. They’re afraid to say what they believe, not because they face the kind of persecution that Christians face overseas but because they’re simply not prepared for any meaningful adverse consequences in their careers or with their peers.” (David French)

1. **Jesus calls us to be in the world.**

2. **Jesus calls us to be for the world.**

3. **Jesus calls us _____ to be of the world.**

You have to be _____ to be salt and light.

Not to be of the world will take...

- Training in _____

We are made right with God by his grace and through faith, not by our _____.

It's not enough to say that only Jesus lived this good and beautiful life, and I can't. Jesus' commands, the beatitudes, the whole sermon on the Mount actually show us how to live a good and beautiful life, a life of true and lasting happiness, of deep joy, as we _____ with Jesus and his people through life.

"Confidence is just displayed ability." (James Clear)

Am I taking steps (even _____ steps) to live like Jesus calls me to live?

Am I taking steps (even small steps) to journey _____ Jesus and learn from him how to live the way he calls me to live?

- C _____

To live by Jesus' values and practices, which are often _____ to the world's values and practices, requires courage—it requires times where we do what Jesus said to do in spite of the fear.

"C. S. Lewis famously said that courage is the "form of every virtue at its testing point." In practical application, this means that no person truly knows if he possesses any virtue until it's tested. Do you think you're loving? You'll know you truly love another person only when loving that person is hard. Do you think you're truthful? You'll know only when telling the truth hurts. Soldiers are familiar with this phenomenon — most men who travel to the battlefield believe themselves to be brave, but they know they're brave only if they do their duty when their life is on the line." (David French)

- B _____

The church is not supposed to be a club of good people telling other people how to live; it's instead a league of the _____. (David Zahl)

We're not called to _____ our values; we're called to influence by living Christ's values, no matter the cost.

Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Read Matthew 5:13-16. What are some of the specific ways this passage says Christians are to be in the world and for the world but not of the world?
3. Why is not being of the world such a difficult challenge but essential part of our faith?