

PURSUING GOSPEL CULTURE

3. Jesus calls us to a FAITHFUL PRESENCE in the world.

4. Jesus warns us to expect a MIXED RESPONSE from the world.

Today we continue our Fall 2022 Vision Series entitled "Pursuing Gospel Culture" with a look at the third of three pursuits that can help us continue to create Gospel culture here at Grace Central Coast.

1. Jesus tells us about the true CONDITION of the world.

- Salt FLAVORS and PRESERVES
- Light EXPOSES and ILLUMINES
- The world is DECAYING and DARK

2. Jesus reminds us to be and live DIFFERENTLY than the world.

NEXT STEPS:

- This week, find 30 minutes to make a list of the places where God has placed you to be a "faithful presence" to shine for Jesus. Are you letting your light shine in those places? If not, what would it look like to shine in those places?
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NEXT WEEK: *Fall Kick Off on the Madonna Meadow @ 10:00 AM*

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Pursuing the World

Matthew 5:1-16
Sunday, September 25, 2022
Tim Theule

Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the perfect time to jump in at gracecentralcoast.org/groups

CONNECT *(ask these questions to check-in with your group)*

Next week's Fall Kick Off is a perfect day to invite a friend to church. Do you feel comfortable doing that? Who do you plan to invite?

DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's Word together)*

1. Read Matthew 5:1-16 together. How did you "come under" God's Word and the message this week? What did you learn? What were your takeaways?
2. The beatitudes in Matthew 5:3-11 describe the type of people Christ-followers are to be. Does the world see us and experience us as those kinds of people? Why or why not? How DOES the world see Christ-followers?
3. If "Gospel doctrine produces Gospel culture," why must we as a church love and serve the world?

4. What is "faithful presence" and what does it have to do with salt and light? What is the function of salt? What is the function of light?
5. In what ways did Jesus serve as salt and light in the world?
6. The Next Step: Where has God placed you to be a faithful presence and to shine for Him? How's that going? Is there a community ministry here at Grace where God might be calling you serve?

PRAY *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

- Using Matthew 5:1-16 as a springboard for your prayer, pray for Grace as we seek to serve as a faithful presence across the Central Coast.
- Pray for the growth of Gospel Culture across Grace Central Coast.
- Share and pray for one another's needs.