#### August Sermon Series: Let's Be the Church!

# "Your life as a Christian should make nonbelievers question their disbelief in God."

## Christians are to both attract and transform the world around them.

Matthew 5:13-16, You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

#### The Big Idea:

The goal of every Christian is to remove all the covers, draw back the curtains and raise the shades so that the light can be seen.

# Lesson Two: Shine Your Light!

John 8:12, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

#### 1. This Light is Personal. (v.14)

Il Corinthians 4:6, For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 2:15, That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, amid a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world.

I Thessalonians 5:5, Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

#### 2. This Light is Powerful. (v.14)

### 3. This Light is Projected. (v.14-15)

#### **Two Illustrations:**

- 1. Too busy with the cares and labors of this life for their light to shine effectively.
- 2. Consumed with the pleasures and comforts of this life to let their light shine.

#### 4. This Light is Profitable. (v.16)

## 5. This Light is Productive. (v.16)

## Five Examples of How Christians Become the Church when they Function as Light:

## 1. As light, Christians expose darkness.

## 2. As light, Christians give off light.

## 3. As light, Christians help others grow.

## 4. As light, Christians wake people out of slumber.

## 5. As light, Christians warm those who are cold.

# You were born again to light up the world. So don't be afraid to shine, the world needs your light.

#### 'This Light of Mine, I'm Going to Let It Shine.'