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Our call today is simple yet profound: embrace the identity God has given you. You are a lighthouse in a world desperate for guidance, protection, and hope.

Jesus said in Matthew 5:14–16, "*You are the light of the world.*" That means you're not here by accident - you're positioned on purpose, for a purpose. To shine through the darkness. To warn of danger. To be a beacon of hope.

But lighthouses don't run on autopilot. They need oil. They need clean glass. They need care. So do we. To shine, we need fresh oil from the Holy Spirit, and hearts kept clear from shame, failure, or distraction.

And lighthouses aren't built in easy places. They stand where storms rage and waves crash - but their foundation is the rock. Ours must be too in Christ and His Word.

This calling isn't about self-preservation or status. It's about serving, guiding, protecting. Every lighthouse is unique. So are you. Your light doesn't need comparison - it just needs to shine.

REFLECTION

Share something that stood out from the Sunday message 'Let there be light'.

MESSAGE POINTS

One: You Are the Light of the World

God has uniquely called each of us to be a lighthouse—guiding, directing, and shining His light in the places we are positioned. Just as a lighthouse stands tall to help others navigate through darkness and danger, so too are we called to bring clarity, hope, and direction to our families, workplaces, and communities. This is not about living on autopilot or relying on yesterday's supply, but about seeking a fresh encounter with God's presence each day, so that our light remains bright and our purpose clear. No matter how withered or dry you may feel, God desires to pour His living water into you, reviving your spirit and enabling you to shine for His glory.

Matthew 5:14-16 (ESV)

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

Discussion

Who are you becoming as the light of the world?

- *Jesus didn't just say do good things, He said you are the light. How is following Jesus shaping who you are on the inside, not just what you do on the outside?*

What threatens to dim your light?

- *Every light can grow dim if it's not cared for. What things in your life—fear, busyness, distraction, sin, or tiredness—make it harder for God's light to shine through you? How can you guard against them?*

How does your light bring glory to God, not yourself?

- *Jesus said people will see our good works and give glory to the Father. How can we live in such a way that when people notice our light, it leads them closer to God rather than just seeing us as "good people"?*

Two: Consistency and Reliability Reflect God's Character

A lighthouse is only effective if it shines consistently, regardless of the weather or season. In the same way, God calls us to be dependable and steadfast, reflecting His own unchanging faithfulness. This means not hiding our light out of fear, shame, or discouragement, but continually returning to God for a fresh supply and clearing away anything that clouds our witness. Our lives are meant to serve others, not ourselves, and our reliability can be a source of hope and stability for those around us.

Hebrews 13:8 (ESV)

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

Discussion

How does God's unchanging nature give us stability in a changing world?

- *Hebrews 13:8 reminds us that Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever. How does His consistency bring you peace, and how can it shape the way you respond to challenges and uncertainties in life?*

What makes it hard to be consistent in reflecting God's light?

- *Just like a lighthouse has to shine in storms as well as calm weather, we're called to shine even in difficult times. What kinds of struggles—fear, shame, discouragement, or distraction—tend to cloud your light? How can we clear those things away?*

How can our reliability point others to God's faithfulness?

- *When people know they can trust us to show up with integrity and love, it reflects God's character. Can you share a time when someone's consistency encouraged your faith? What's one way you can be that steady light for others this week?*

Three: Embrace Your Unique Light and Purpose

Every lighthouse has a unique pattern, and so does every person—comparison only clouds your calling. God has placed a distinct light within you, designed for a purpose that only you can fulfill. When life feels foggy or your vision seems unclear, remember that God's Spirit can bring clarity and direction. Rather than striving to be like someone else, embrace the unique way God has made you, and trust that your light—no matter how small it feels—can make a difference in the lives of others.

1 Corinthians 12:4-6 (ESV)

"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone."

Discussion

How does comparison dim the light God has placed in you?

- *1 Corinthians 12 reminds us that the same Spirit gives different gifts. Where do you find yourself tempted to compare your calling with others? How might comparison keep you from fully stepping into the unique way God has made you?*

What unique light has God entrusted to you?

- *Every lighthouse has its own pattern, and every believer has their own gift. What strengths, passions, or experiences has God given you that can serve others? How might these reflect His light in ways no one else could?*

How can you embrace clarity when life feels foggy?

- *Sometimes it's hard to see our purpose clearly, yet God's Spirit brings direction. In seasons of uncertainty, what helps you stay anchored to God's voice? How can the group encourage one another to trust the Spirit's guidance instead of striving to copy someone else's path?*

WATCH

<https://www.youtube.com/@LIFEMelbourne/videos>

GROUPS PRAYER POINTS

Pray for each other's personal journey as a disciple and discipleship in our church

- Being in the presence of Jesus, becoming more like Jesus and continuing the work He did.

Pray for the Holy Spirit's presence

- That we would be led, filled and empowered to live surrendered, love God and serve others.

Pray for Decade of Destiny

- **Debt Free on Sims and Stage One** Believe that we could be debt free on the purchase of Sims St and the stage one fit-out costs.
- **Launch Two New LIFE Campuses** That we would pioneer two additional LIFE campuses across Melbourne and continue to make room for more people to discover the wonder of Jesus, find their family and step into all that God leads.
- **LIFE Homes** To have short-, medium- and long-term accommodation navigable to enable emergency support, crisis help and essential care to key areas of vulnerability.
- **Education Services Engaged** It is our vision that we will have multiple pathways that we will be able to bring lasting transformation to our communities through learning and education and reverse the cycle of poverty.
- **Sims Street Revival** God is entrusting us to first and foremost lift up the names of Jesus and see many thousands upon thousands discover His eternal life.

GET INVOLVED!

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP

Our amazing Kids Team launched the *Bite Sized Bible* this week - and we're so excited to share it with you!

This resource is designed to help families explore God's Word together, one bite at a time. With simple, easy-to-read portions of Scripture, it's a fun and meaningful way to spark faith conversations and build lasting habits of engaging with the Bible as a family.

If you haven't picked one up yet, grab your copy from the Kids Connection desk or just outside the Base Camp room.

We believe this will be such a blessing to families, and we can't wait to hear the stories of how your child connects with God's big story - and how you grow together on the journey.

SISTAHOOD CONFERENCE

DIVINELY ASSIGNED

Within every woman stirs a sacred ache—a yearning for our lives to matter, for our worth to be woven into something far greater than ourselves.

We are called to live in tune with a melody that echoes through eternity — a song God Himself placed deep within us. He etched it on our souls, marking us for His divine purpose. This is the melody He invites us to awaken — one that carries His heart, transcends our weakness and releases heaven's purpose.

It is divinely written. Divinely assigned.
Ours to embrace.

We're honoured to have Ps Maree de Jong (Founding Pastor at LIFE) and Ps Jemima Varughese (Senior Leader at Kingdom city Church) with us for 2 powerful and destiny-defining days.

Schedule:

Fri 24 Oct
Night session

Sat 25 Oct
Full day from 9am till 6pm

Cost:
\$80

Location:
LIFE Melbourne (41-59 Sims St, West Melbourne)

We look forward to seeing you at the conference!

<https://lifeau.org/sistahoodconference/>

HELP & HOPE WEEK

Help & Hope Week is an opportunity to make a practical difference in our community, with a range of initiatives and projects across the week that bring help and hope to many people in our community. Discover the joy of making a difference in our community by joining one of our LIFE Community Initiatives and teams. Experience firsthand what it's like to be a part of one of our LIFE Community Kitchens or other community initiatives!

Register for a project - <https://www.lifecommunity.org.au/helpandhope>

UPCOMING DATES

9th September – TEAM Night!

15th September – Expansion Builders Dinner

16th September – YA All in

28th September – International Sunday

29th September – Help & Hope week