Blessing Our Community: Transforming Lives for Christ

Being the Hands and Feet of Jesus in Our Neighborhoods

The Call to Bless Our Community

Matthew 5:13-16

Main Idea: God calls Christians to interact with and engage their communities for Christ.

The Threefold Call to Bless our Community:

 We are called to be the salt that brings <u>flavor</u>, preservation, and healing to our neighborhoods. v. 13

"Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him." - Psalm 34:8 (NIV)

2. We are called to be a <u>light</u> in our communities. v. 14-15

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin." – 1 John 1:7 (NIV)

3. We are called to **glorify** God in our community. v. 16

"And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit." – 2 Corinthians 3:18 (NIV)

Action Points:

- 1. Get out of the salt-shaker and **be salty**.
- 2. **Shine** brightly.

Reflection Question:

In which areas of our communities is salt and light needed? How can we be salt and light in these places and bring the flavor, preservation, purification, warmth, and power of God to the people there?