

Homework

Simple Gospel

Fall 2025 | Week 4

Message Date 10/5/2025

MY STORY

- 1) Who in your life first showed you what it looked like to genuinely follow Jesus, and how did that influence you?
- 2) If you could glow in the dark, what practical (or hilarious) way would you use that ability?

QUICK REVIEW

- 3) What caught your attention from Sunday's message?

DIGGING DEEPER / TAKING IT HOME

John 8:12 (NLT)

"Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, 'I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.'"

- 4) In what ways does following Jesus change the way we see and walk through the world?

1 Peter 2:9–10 (NLT)

"But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light. 'Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God's people. Once you received no mercy; now you have received God's mercy.'"

- 5) What do these verses say about our identity and our purpose, and how are these connected to the Beatitudes?

Colossians 4:5–6 (NLT)

“Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.”

6) How does “seasoning our words with salt” look in conversations today?

Philippians 2:14–16 (NLT)

“Do everything without complaining and arguing, so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people. Hold firmly to the word of life...”

7) Paul says we “shine like bright lights.” What does that look like in everyday life?

2 Corinthians 4:6–7 (NLT)

“For God, who said, ‘Let there be light in the darkness,’ has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ. We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure...”

8) Why do you think God chose to put His light into fragile “jars of clay” like us?

Romans 12:1–2 (NLT)

“And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you... Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think...”

9) What daily choices help us avoid “conforming” and instead live transformed?

Ephesians 2:8–10 (NLT)

“God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God... For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.”

10) How does being “created for good works” connect to being salt and light?

CHAIR TIME TOOLS

Reflection questions for Chair Time: think about the following questions and pray through them with Jesus.

- 1) Where do I see God’s light exposing something in me that needs to change?
- 2) Who in my life right now needs to experience the flavor of God’s love through my words?
- 3) What’s one step I can take this week to shine like a bright light in my family, workplace, or friendships?