

WE ARE FAMILY

GOD'S PEOPLE. GOD'S MISSION.



Sunday, October 27, 2019 | Wawasee Community Bible Church | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

Part 4: **Transformational Influence**

Multiple Scriptures

Wawasee Bible is part of the Evangelical Free Church of America



*We exist to glorify God by multiplying
transformational churches among all people.*

We're sent to LOVE our community

John 17:18; Jeremiah 29:7

Kingdom Influence – we're an "outpost" Ephesians 3:10; 2 Corinthians 5:20

Two Parables Matthew 13:31-33; Mark 4:30-31; Luke 13:18-21

—as **SALT** that **COUNTERS** evil,

Matthew 5:13

You *will* face opposition. Matthew 5:10-12

Our *how* is equally as important as our *what*. Ephesians 4:15; 1 Peter 3:15

and as **LIGHT** that **ADVANCES** good.

Matthew 5:14-16

For Jesus' glory! Psalms 96:3

For others' good! Jeremiah 29:7

For our joy! Matthew 25:21; John 15:11



life **HOMESWORK** groups

What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups. The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a parallel passage of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin.

Getting Started

1. **Getting to Know You:** *Would you rather...*
 - *Go way back in time and meet your ancestors (pre-1800's) or go way into the future and meet your great-grandchildren (post 2200)?*
 - *Have no Internet or no mobile phone?*
 - *Have a five-star restaurant personal chef who can prepare any meal at any time of day or a chauffeur that can drive you to and from anywhere you want in any vehicle of your choice?*
2. Review your message notes. What stood out to you from the message this week? What'd you learn? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it with your group.

Digging Deeper

3. There are a few "**greats**" that show up in Jesus' teaching. The Great Commandment, the Great Commission and the Great Priority. Take time to look up these verses and discuss them...
 - **Matthew 22:36-40** — Great Commandment: *Love God, Love Others*
 - **Matthew 28:19-20** — Great Commission: *Make Disciples*
 - **Acts 1:8** — Great Priority: *Ministry should start "here" before it goes "there"*
4. A lot of times it can be challenging to consistently obey all three of Jesus's "**greats**". What does **Romans 12:10-20** teach us about improving our effectiveness in carrying out these commands?
5. Of the three "**greats**", is there one you need to focus on and/or grow in?
6. How could you put that into action?
7. In the message this week, we heard that as we seek to be "salt" we can expect to face opposition. The Apostle Paul even faced prison! While in prison he had all his freedoms taken from him. Despite this, Paul was intentional in praying for opportunities to share the Good News with others. **Read Colossians 4:2-6** and summarize Paul's instructions in praying for others.
8. How does Paul's example encourage you as you face opposition to the Gospel?
9. As God's people, we're to be salt that counters evil and light that advances good as we represent Jesus in this world. One key to representing Jesus well is to recognize that no one is ever argued or forced into the Kingdom. How do these verses help us be sensitive when sharing the Gospel with others and being salt and light in our community?

2 Timothy 2:22-26

1 John 3:18-20

10. Close by praying for each other, for our church, and for our community.

During your prayer time this week, let's all be praying together about the following items. Use the space at the bottom to record your personal prayer items, or requests from your Life Group.

Neighboring Church

Pray this week for the ministry and people of Dewart Lake Community Friends Church.

Personal Prayer Items

Word Find for Matthew 5:11-16 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

11 **Blessed** are you **when others revile** you and **persecute** you and **utter** all **kinds of evil** against you **falsely** on my **account**. 12 **Rejoice** and be **glad**, for your **reward** is **great** in **heaven**, for so they **persecuted** the **prophets** who were before you. 13 "You are the **salt** of the **earth**, but if **salt** has **lost** its **taste**, how shall its **saltiness** be **restored**? It is no **longer good** for **anything** except to be **thrown** out and **trampled** under **people's feet**. 14 "You are the **light** of the **world**. A **city** set on a hill cannot be hidden.

15 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. 16 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**."

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