

TALK IT OVER

Community Impact Sunday

BOTTOM LINE

The Church is Jesus' gift to the world as we serve.

CONVERSATION STARTER

Share about how you served someone this weekend, or about how serving others has helped you.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCE

- The Daily:
newpointe.org/thedaily
- [How to Find Your Purpose Through Serving Others](#)
by Justin Knoop (1 min.)

VERSES AND QUOTES

(Jesus) *"I will build my church."* Matthew 16:18 NIV

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:13-16 NIV

"The Church is not a building; it is a group of people. The Church leaves the building to serve people."

"In His first sermon, Jesus said that His followers, His Church, were to be salt and light for the world. Following that command of Jesus is a core part of the strategy of NewPointe."
– Quotes by Dwight Mason

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What did Jesus mean when He said, "I will build my Church"? How does He build through people? How is the Church the gift of Jesus to the world? How has the Church been God's gift to you? The strategy of Jesus was not that we would gift the world with our programs, performance, or power. Our gift to the world is not our information. We become His gift as we serve. What qualities make service an effective and transforming gift? The New Testament word for Church is "Ecclesia," meaning "called out ones." Called from what to what? The early Church felt they were "called out" to serve the people around them in the name of Jesus by taking up the issues impacting the people of the day. They saved and cared for unwanted babies, they cared for the sick and the dying, they shared their resources with the poor and needy. What examples can you remember from the New Testament or from history? How did they serve Jesus and build His Kingdom? Before you became a "called out one," who was salt and light to you? Salt and light serving is not simply for Community Impact Day. How can you serve in Jesus' name regularly?

ACTION STEP

I am a "called out one." I will intentionally be a gift to the world that Jesus loves as I serve in His name by _____