



Week 2: We Are the Church That Shines (*Chapel of the Cross - Benham Road, St. Louis*)

Hosts: Chuck and Caleb | **Theme:** Being a light in the neighborhood.

Key Scripture Readings:

Matthew 5:14-16

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.

Jeremiah 29:7

But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to "shine" in our neighborhood?
2. How can we practically seek the welfare of our city?
3. What are some barriers that keep people from seeing the church as a light?
4. How does personal faith impact the way we serve our communities?

Reflection & Application:

- Describe a time when someone's faith positively impacted you.
- What are ways you can be a light in your daily life?
- How can you personally contribute to the well-being of your neighborhood?

Action Challenge:

- Commit to one small act of kindness this week (buying coffee for someone, writing a note of encouragement, etc.).
- Pray over a specific need in your city and ask God how He wants you to respond.
- Look for an opportunity to serve your neighborhood—whether through church outreach or a personal initiative.