

## USEFUL TO THE MASTER

### Introduction:

- God has called us to faith in Christ so that He can use us to accomplish His salvation plan (Matt 28:18-20)
  1. This command is to make d \_\_\_\_\_
  2. This command is to a \_\_\_\_\_ followers of Christ.
- Do you believe that you are useful to the Master in accomplishing His plan of saving the world? Yes No
  1. If No – I hope God will change your mind
  2. If Yes – I hope that your actions match your words

### Your Position – Who You A \_\_\_\_\_ (I Cor 1:2; Matt 5:13-16)

- Who you are in relationship to God
  1. Jn 1:12 – His c \_\_\_\_\_
  2. I Cor 1:2 – A saint by His c \_\_\_\_\_
    - a. The word saint means “one set apart for service”
    - b. Who set us apart? \_\_\_\_\_
    - c. Why are we set apart? to s \_\_\_\_\_ God
- Who you are in relationship to the world (Matt 5:13-16)
  1. You are s \_\_\_\_\_
    - a. When impurities combine with salt, it ceases to be s \_\_\_\_\_;
    - b. Jesus uses “unsalty salt” to show the ridiculousness of us not fulfilling our purpose in relationship to the world
  2. You are l \_\_\_\_\_
    - a. Jesus shows the impossibility of h \_\_\_\_\_ a city set on a hill (it is visible in the day because of the s \_\_\_\_\_ and at night because of the many l \_\_\_\_\_)
    - b. Jesus shows the ridiculousness of l \_\_\_\_\_ a lamp then hiding the light.
  3. We are visible to the world through our g \_\_\_\_\_ works (*that they may see your good works*)
    - a. Good works are not just nice deeds (unbelievers can do nice deeds but they cannot do good works in the biblical sense)
    - b. Good works are not just r \_\_\_\_\_ deeds (see Matt 7:21-23, where they are considered sinful)

- c. Good works are deeds that G\_\_\_\_\_ wants us to do in relationship to Christ (see Jn 15:5).
4. God uses our good works as a p\_\_\_\_\_ for the unbelieving world to come to Him through Christ (*and glorify your Father, who is in heaven*).

### **Your Possession – What You H\_\_\_\_\_ (Jn 17:3)**

- The gift God gives us is eternal life through Christ. But what is eternal life?
  1. To k\_\_\_\_\_ the one true God (the Greek word means to know personally)
  2. To k\_\_\_\_\_ His Son, whom He has sent (to know personally).
  3. Therefore eternal life is a permanent relationship with God through Jesus Christ.
- God gave us Himself in Christ not so that we could keep Him to ourself but s\_\_\_\_\_ Him with others.

### **Your Participation – What You D\_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 1:8)**

- The Acts 1:8 strategy of being Christ's witnesses
  1. In Jerusalem
    - a. Jerusalem was where the disciples were when Jesus gave the command.
    - b. Therefore your Jerusalem is wherever you l\_\_\_\_\_, shop, work, etc.
  2. In Judea
    - a. Jerusalem was in the r\_\_\_\_\_ of Judea
    - b. Therefore your Judea would correspond to your S\_\_\_\_\_ (e.g. Michigan)
    - c. As we cooperate in mission work and people are brought to Christ, those people are to be witnesses in their Jerusalem, where they are at.
  3. In Samaria
    - a. Samaria was a region neighboring Judea that was populated by a group that the Jews h\_\_\_\_\_ (Jn 4:9)
    - b. Therefore your Samaria refers to the undesirables of the world (e.g. the homeless, the drug addicts, the ghetto).
    - c. Those that come to Christ then become witnesses to their Jerusalem, where they are at.

4. To the ends of the earth - the rest of the w\_\_\_\_\_ (every tribe, tongue, nation, and class – Rev 5:9,10)
- Everything comes back to being witnesses where we are at
  1. There are many tools available to help us all get the gospel before those around us.
  2. Let's try the [truelife.org](http://truelife.org) tool and see what happens.
    - a. If people come to the church they will be exposed to the gospel (and the gospel is the power of God for salvation)
    - b. If people check out any question on the website, they will be exposed to the gospel (and the gospel is the power of God for salvation)

### **Challenge**

- Commit to taking five invitation cards
- Commit to giving out five cards this week
  1. Pray before you hand each out
  2. Pray after you hand each out
  3. Leave the results up to God!

Sample script:

*Hi. I'd like to invite you to the Log Church. Here is a card that has our service times and on the back is a website that gives free video answers to life's hard questions (e.g. How do we know if the Bible is accurate? or Why does God allow people to suffer?).*

Do you believe that you are useful to the Master?  
LET GOD USE YOU!