

How to Change a Lightbulb

Revelation 2-3

Big Idea: Keep the light shining wherever God has placed you. Be faithful in sound doctrine, repentance, and fellowship. The church pushes back against darkness in society. Don't be lukewarm - stay hot or cold for Christ. Let your light shine until Jesus returns!

Key Takeaways:

1. Churches are called to be "lampstands" - lights in their communities.
2. The importance of sound doctrine and staying faithful to God's Word.
3. The need for repentance and continual spiritual growth.
4. The church's role in pushing back against societal darkness.
5. The importance of fellowship with Jesus and other believers.

Scriptures:

- ☐ Revelation 1:9-20
- ☐ Leviticus 18:3
- ☐ Matthew 28
- ☐ 1 John 1:9
- ☐ Ephesians 2:8-10
- ☐ Galatians 5

Opening Question:

Can you share a moment when you felt inspired or encouraged by someone's leadership in your faith journey?

Discussion Questions:

The sermon discussed the seven churches in Revelation 2-3. Which church's message resonated with you the most and why?

Pastor Mark Combs emphasized the importance of "keeping the light shining." What does this mean to you personally and as a church community?

How can we ensure we don't become like the Laodicean church - lukewarm in our faith?

The sermon mentioned the importance of leadership in keeping a church going. How can we cultivate and support strong, godly leadership in our church?

Pastor Mark Combs talked about the cycle of churches and how many cease to exist when leadership fails. How can we work to prevent this in our own church?

What role does repentance play in our personal spiritual growth and the health of our church?

How can we as a church be a light in our community while still standing firm on biblical principles?

The sermon touched on the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5). Which of these fruits do you feel you need to grow in most?

Practical Applications:

1. Daily Devotion: Commit to "dining with Jesus" daily through prayer and Bible reading.
2. Community Impact: Brainstorm ways your small group can be a light in your local community.
3. Spiritual Health Check: Regularly assess your spiritual life using Galatians 5 as a guide.
4. Church Involvement: Find a way to serve in your church to help "keep the light shining."
5. Accountability: Partner with someone in the group to encourage each other in staying faithful to God's Word.

Closing Thought/Prayer:

Thank God for His faithfulness and ask for His help in being a light in your community. Pray for your church leadership and for continued growth in your faith.
