

CDM Kampung-ku Connection

Theme: Saviour God's Mercy - Saviour others : Salt of the earth & light of the world - called to be missionaries

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O *pening prayer:* Our Father in heaven, we thank you for gathering all of us today. We also want to thank you for giving us your Son, Jesus to walk on this earth, to speak His word and share His story with us. Today, we humbly ask of you Father, to be with us as we sit and savour Your mercy in our lives. We pray that as on community may we be salt of the earth and light of the world as we continue to answer the call to be missionaries where we are planted. May we bloom and grow in your Son's precious name, through the power of the Holy Spirit we pray. **Amen.**



"You are the salt of the earth! You are the light of the world! See to it that the people are edified by your example, by the purity of your lives, by the moderation of your conduct, and the brilliance of your holiness! God does not ask of you mere ordinary virtue. He demands downright perfection!"

St Pius V, Pope

"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 trodden under foot by men. **"You are the light of the world.** A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." **Matthew 5:13-16**

We are called to be Salt & Light of the World

Ah, what joy! Jesus had entrusted us with an instruction: “*To be the salt of the earth and light of the world.*” How difficult can it be??? Alright, let’s watch and listen to what Pope Francis has got to say. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jkFk53borGI>



Be the salt of the earth, don't be 'museum-piece' Christians! So interesting, isn't it? Today, we are reminded that we should be active Christians and not just *museum pieces* in the church today. We are the Church, and we are called to be tasty to all those around us and not only to those who are nice or good to us.

There are 2 uses for salt :



1) **Preservation.** It was used to preserve food esp. meat. Christians are called to preserving our lives from the evil from sin.

2) **Flavoring enhancer.** It seasons the followers of Christ to stand out as those who enhance the flavor of life in this world.

Christians living under the guidance of the Holy Spirit will inevitably influence the world for good, as salt has a positive influence on the flavor of the food its seasons.

Pause.... Let's ponder & share :

What sorts of things can hinder or prevent us, Christians, from fulfilling our role as salt and light in our Church today?

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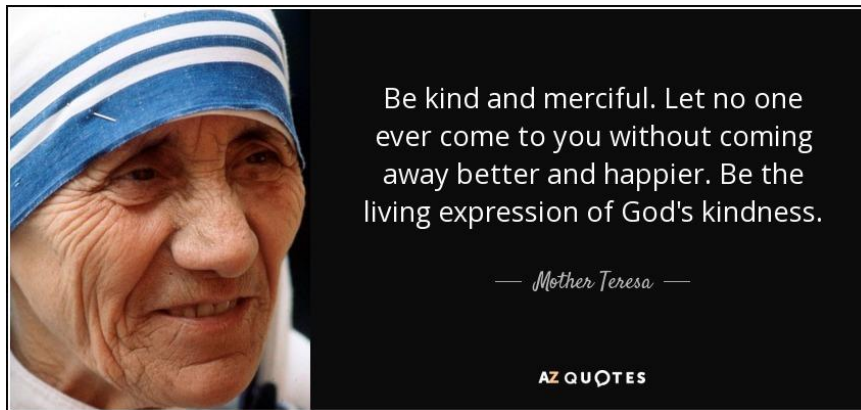
The above scripture passage clearly states that the difference between the Christian and the world must be preserved; therefore, any choice on our part that blurs the distinction between us and the rest of the world is a step in the wrong direction. This can happen either through a choice to accept the ways of the world or to contravene the laws of obedience to Christ. We must be outstanding Christians and not blending in the world. If we are blending in, then, we are losing the effect of Christ in the world.



Now, being the light of the world lies in the good works of Christ followers are to be shine for all the world to see. Our lives must give light to all those who are in darkness. Think about it: *Am I like a lighthouse, leading others to the light or am I leading others to darkness?* Today, our lives must be right before God so that when others see our good works, they will glorify God & encourage them to do the same! Our presence must impact those who are in darkness.

Pause.... Let's ponder & Share

Share what have you done *in the past* to impact & light up someone in our community today in your own unique way.



What can we do today, to be “salted & lighted” Missionaries?



1. Ensure your works of mercy is done in love & not an obligation.
2. Take time to get to know the person/s. A listening ear goes a long way.
3. Give an example from the gospel ie. Parables, stories in the gospel that will enhance your message of Christ.
4. Look out for someone in the church who is alone, smile & say “Hello!” “Where are you from?” “Where do you live? Perhaps you may want to join our BEC group to be connected!?” So many ways to get connected with just one smile and hello!
5. Be intentional. Let our words and actions bear the light of Christ that brings breakthrough instead of bondage.
6. Invite your *BEC members* to the café & fellowship on Sunday! Perhaps we could even invite them to our ministries in the parish & get acquainted.
7. Call your BEC member especially the inactive ones or drop by for a quick hello!
8. Drop a packet of biscuits or sweets & label it, “Just dropping this to say hello!” (sign off your name) 😊 No anonymous one, please.
9. Be patient. Be sensitive. One step at a time. It will take time for people to taste the salt & see the light. Let's savour God's mercy even if it is in someone else's life.
10. Invite them “personally” with a call for rosary or BEC meetings. A call would be more personal. You may follow up with a Whatsapp message thereafter. 😊



Conclusion



We are reminded to savour God's mercy by impacting others with His mercy too. We must continue to be the salt & light of the earth so that we learn to accept our community as a part of our lives. We are the church. As a Church, as a parish, we are called to be missionaries. We do not have to leave our country. Just by stepping out of our home, in our own BEC, in our families, we can bring Christ. Savouring God's mercy and bringing His mercy to others, we are serving Jesus Himself....



Losing Prayer: PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD – ADSUMUS SANCTE SPIRITUS

We stand before You Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name, With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; Do not let us promote disorder Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path Nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life And not stray from the way of truth and what is right All this we ask of You who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son Forever and ever. **AMEN**

Closing Hymn: Light of the World

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=06ZpCUjQljU>

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| <p>1. Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness Opened my eyes, let me see Beauty that made this heart adore You Hope of my life spent with You</p> <p>Chorus :</p> <p>And here I am to worship Here I am to bow down Here I am to say that You're my God You're altogether lovely Altogether worthy Altogether wonderful to me</p> <p>2. King of all days Oh, so highly exalted Glorious in heave above Humbly You came to the earth You created All for love's sake became poor.</p> | <p>Chorus :</p> <p>And here I am to worship Here I am to bow down Here I am to say that You're my God You're altogether lovely Altogether worthy Altogether wonderful to me</p> <p>Bridge :</p> <p>I'll never know how much it cost To see my sin upon that cross (4x)</p> |
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