



high-IMPACT community

Epiphany Sermon Series I Begins January 8th

Finding Real Answers in a World of Questions

The season of Epiphany focuses on Jesus as the Light of the world, confronting and pushing back the darkness. By extension, Jesus says to us in Matthew 5, “You are the light of the world.” Our life as baptized Christians is to bring the transformative presence of Christ into our world.

So what makes the church different? What makes this community high-impact? What makes this fellowship appealing to those outside it? Throughout this series we will be highlighting the early part of Jesus’ life and ministry, mainly from each week’s Gospel readings in Mark 1. These texts will illustrate how Jesus truly does make a difference in our lives by confronting and pushing back specific issues in the world today that we struggle with. For example: the question of personal identity, the issue of ultimate authority, finding comfort and peace when sickness consumes us, finding forgiveness and acceptance when our relationships are broken.

This sermon series is specifically designed for two purposes:

1. To sharpen our own understanding and appreciation of what makes our church and our faith special—shall we say, highly-impactful in our own lives—and
2. To provide an opportunity for us to invite friends and neighbors who don’t currently attend a church to hear how Jesus provides real answers to big questions

| Date | Real Question | Text |
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| January 8 | Who Am I? | Mark 1:4-11 |
| January 15 | Why Should I Follow Jesus? | John 1:43-51 |
| January 22 | How Do I Follow Jesus? | Mark 1:14-20 |
| January 29 | Does Anyone Really Know the Answers? | Mark 1:21-28 |
| February 5 | How Do I Keep My Head Above Water? | Mark 1:29-39 |
| February 12 | How Do I Find Acceptance and Forgiveness? | Mark 1:40-45 |
| February 19 | Who Is Jesus? | Mark 9:2-9 |