

“NEXT: The Power of Influence”

Examples of faith's influence in the past and present

A City Set on a Hill

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. Matthew 5:14-16

Issues?

- Begins with the resistance of Christians to embrace God's influence
- We like the idea of forgiveness and eternity.

An Example of Effective Influence

- Ethiopian Lutheran Church – Mekane Yesus
- How is it that you are the fastest growing Lutheran Church in the world?
- We read God's Word and do it. We don't question, challenge, or doubt it.

Rediscovery of Scripture

- King Josiah 2 Chronicles 34:1-2, 8, 14-15, 18-21
- Martin Luther

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- Begins with _____ as our source for _____ and _____
- Fully _____ it
- _____ it
- _____ it
- Do it - _____

Maybe if Christians live it, we'll offer enough of a contrast to make a difference.

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