



CALLED

The Ologies Lesson 10



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MAIN POINT:

MESSAGE NOTES:¹

Listen to or view message #10 in *The Ologies*, “Called,” at psconline.com. You can also find it by searching for Pleasant Street Church of Christ on your favorite podcasting service or on the Faithlife app on Apple TV or Roku.

Thought Questions:

1. Why do people get confused over what they need to do to “serve God”?
2. What case did Nathan make for more Christians to go into scientific careers?
3. What does it mean to salt the earth?
4. How can we be the light of the world if Jesus is the light of the world?

Next Steps:

1. How will you be salt this week?
2. How will you shine the light in this dark world?

Obedience Challenge: Make Someone’s Day

Work as a family to think of someone you know who has been having a particularly hard time lately or has been struggling for a while. Now think of ways you can all work together to lift their burden or cheer them up this week. You can do your good deeds anonymously or in person. Just be sure to give God the credit.

¹ You will share your notes during the Collaboration time of your Life Team meeting.

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DAILY DEVOTION GUIDE:

Read the following Scriptures about humankind as created beings, throughout this week. Use the [SOAP journaling method](#) to help you go deeper into the text. (See Handout)

- Monday – Psalm 8
- Tuesday – Psalm 18
- Wednesday – Psalm 47
- Thursday – Isaiah 1
- Friday – Matthew 5
- Saturday – Colossians 1

During your Life Team meeting, you'll be given the opportunity to share some of your Application entries. Consider bookmarking any that you'll want to share by way of confession or to encourage others.

Or copy it here for easy reference:

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INTERGENERATIONAL GATHERING GUIDE:

Primer Exercise:

For Children

Take your kids with you to the grocery store. Ask them to help you find all the meat in the store. After they take you to the meat section, say: “Good job! Why do you think they have meat over here in these refrigerators?”

Discuss with them the importance of keeping meat cold so it won’t spoil. Then ask them if they can think of other places in the store where they might find meat. If they take you to the freezer section say, “Great thinking. This meat is even colder. Why do you think they keep this meat so cold?”

After they’ve thought it through ask them to think if they can find other meat in the store. Either help them find or take them to the snack aisle to the beef jerky. Say, “Here’s some meat out on the shelf at room temperature. Why would this meat be safe to store at room temperature?”

If you’re feeling rich, go ahead and open the package to distribute to your kids.² If not, just turn it over to look at nutrition facts. Talk about how the meat can sit out because it’s got a lot of salt in it.

Tell your kids that Jesus said his followers are the salt of the earth. Explain to them that Jesus didn’t have refrigerator or freezer, so salt was important in his life to keep things from spoiling.

Discuss:

- How does the earth go bad like rotting meat?
- How can we be like salt to slow down the spread of bad things on the earth?

Everyone Else

Watch this video of Francis Collins’ on his faith and how he applies it to his work in science. [Dr. Francis Collins: Harmony - Life at the Intersection of Science & Faith - YouTube](#)

- In what ways is Dr. Collins attempting to be the salt of the earth?
- How is he being light in the world?

² Be sure to keep the package in view so you don’t forget to scan it and pay for it on the way out!

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The three sessions below are designed for home devotional use. Each session should be done in a separate sitting.

Session One: “Live Long and Prosper”

- Read Exodus 20:12
 - How is this command different from the other nine?
 - Read Ephesians 6:1-3. What did Paul say was special about this command?
 - What is the connection between obeying parents and living a good life?
- Application and Prayer
 - Why do kids disobey their parents?
 - How can faith in God help kids to obey their parents even when it’s not easy or fun?

Session Two: “National Memory”

- Read Deuteronomy 6:4-12
 - In this passage, Moses tells the nation of Israel not to forget about God. How can a nation forget something?
 - What should a nation do to keep from forgetting?
- Application and Prayer
 - How can we as a family do what Moses told Israel to do in this passage?
 - Pray for other families you know that they will be able to obey this passage as well.

Session Three: “Rise and Shine”

- Read Ephesians 5:3-20:
 - If we’re saved by grace apart from anything we’ve done,³ why should we bother to live good lives?
 - What does Paul call, “deeds of darkness”?
 - What is the “fruit of the light”?
 - Why should we gather to worship with God’s people?
- Application and Prayer
 - Make a family worship playlist and have every member contribute at least one song.
 - Find lyric videos or print lyric sheets and have a time of family worship using your playlist.

³ Ephesians 2:8-9

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LIFE TEAM GATHERING GUIDE:

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Shine, Jesus, Shine

Ephesians 5:14

Arr. by Darrell Bledsoe

1. Lord, the light of Your love is shin - ing. In the midst of
2. Lord, I come to Your awe - some pres - ence, From the sha - dows
3. As we gaze on Your king - ly bright - ness, So our fa - ces

the dark - ness shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the world, shine
in - to Your rad - iance; By the blood I may en - ter
dis - play Your like - ness; Ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry

up - on us, Set us free by the truth You now bring us,
Your bright - ness; Search me, try me, con - sume all my dark - ness;
to glo - ry, Mir - rored here may our lives tel - ly Your sto - ry

Chorus

Shine on me, Shine on me, Shine, Je - sus, shine,
Shine on me, Shine on me, Shine on me.

Fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry; Blaze, Spir - it blaze,

Sing

Shine, Jesus, Shine

set our hearts on fire. Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the

na - tions with grace and mer - cy; Send forth Your Word,

Lord, and let there be light. light. Let there be light.

Ephesians 5:13-14

But everything exposed by the light becomes visible,
For it is light that makes everything visible.

This is why it is said:
"Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead,
And Christ will shine on you."

Matthew 5:16

Let your light shine before men,
That they may see your good deeds
And praise your Father in heaven.

John 7:38

He who believes in Me, as the scripture has said,
Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.

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Words and Music by
Traditional

Hear, O Israel

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

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1. Hear, O Is - ra - el.
2. Hear, O Is - ra - el.

The Lord thy God, is one God.
{ Thou shalt love thy neigh - bor as thy - self.

And thou shalt love the Lord, thy God, with all of thy heart, and thou shalt love the Lord, thy God, with all of thy soul, and thou shalt love the Lord, thy God, with all of thy mind.

Hear, O Israel

And thou shalt love the Lord, thy God, with all of thy strength, and thou shalt love the Lord, thy God, with all of thy mind.

Deuteronomy 6:4-7

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God,

The Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart

With all your soul

And with all your strength.

These commandments that I give you today

Are to be upon your hearts.

Impress them on your children.

Talk about them when you sit at home

And when you walk along the road,

When you lie down and when you get up.

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Scripture Discussion

- Read Matthew 5:13-16.
 - How is the “earth” different from the “world”?
 - Look at vs. 1-12.
 - How can we recognize saltiness?
 - What would make the salt become unsalty?
 - Look at vs. 17-48.
 - How does Jesus want us to go from being “good people” to being “the light of the world”?

Pray

- Get a volunteer to close the prayer time at the end.
- Recite the following Prayer of St. Francis in unison:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

- Segue into an open prayer time.

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Collaborate

Each participant should have listened to Message #10 in *The Ologies*, “Called” in person or online and taken notes.

- Have everyone share their answers to the **Thought Questions** in their *Message Notes*.
- If anyone has already done the **Obedience Challenge**, have them report on how it went and what they learned.
- Encourage (but don't require) participants to share their **Next Steps** or any **Application** entries from their SOAP journals.
- Close by praying for each other's **Next Steps** and **Application** entries.