



Your behavior has _____ consequences

However:

On your own – you cannot be good enough

With Christ – you cannot do anything bad enough

Your actions can impact someone’s eternity.

How you act can be the difference between heaven and hell, for _____.

Today’s Advice:



...become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you **shine like stars in the universe** as you hold out the word of life. – **Philippians 2:15-16**

The darker the night, the brighter the stars shine.

“We Christians should not be afraid to consider beauty and goodness our best evangelistic tools.” Dreher

How can you shine? _____

Shine bright in _____

Shine bright with _____

Shine bright as a _____

Move beyond the golden rule to the platinum rule.

Jesus said, “A new command I give you: Love one another.

As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”



ENCOUNTER GROUPS

Spiritual Growth Small Groups at Emmanuel Reformed Church

Getting Started

Are there times in your life when you have experienced profound darkness? How did it feel?

Sunday's Message

Briefly review the sermon together.

What stood out to you as worth remembering?

What questions did it raise for you?

Pastor Dirk identified three reasons to do good: gratitude, consequences, and witness to others. Can you think of other reasons to be good? Which reasons motivate you the most and why?

Compare the golden rule (**Matthew 7:12**), with the platinum rule (**John 13:34-35**). Discuss the differences, and challenges in both.

A look at Scripture

Read **1 Peter 2:10-17** There are so many ideas in this short passage, which impacts you the most?

Consider verse 12. When God visits again it will include judgement. How could your good life cause someone to glorify God on that day?

Consider verse 17. What does the called for love, fear and honor/respect, look like? Where might you be low in showing "proper respect"?

Going Deeper

Go back to **Matthew 5:1-13** – in what ways does Jesus challenge us to be different than those around us?

Application

Key places to shine are in, adversity, family and church community. For you, which one of these areas needs more of God's light so it can shine brighter, and so others may glorify God?