

THE NEXT 20

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Part 2

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Monday

There are four areas that we, Meadowbrook, are to be focusing on: 1. **The Lord** being high and lifted up, 2. **The Church** being maturing and equipping, 3. **The World**, and 4. **The Poor**. (Matthew 16:18, Colossians 1:18)

- How do these areas affect your life?

Tuesday

Focusing on The Lord and The church are vital, for they cause us to be healthy and balanced, and they prepare and motivate us for the world and the poor. Each of these is a part of the great commandment and great commission. As Martin Luther said we are to “Live as if Christ died yesterday, rose this morning and is coming back tomorrow.” (Matthew 22:35-40; Mathew 28:18-20)

- As you focused on The Lord and The Church, what adjustments need to be made concerning the World and the Poor?

Wednesday

God loves us and He saved us, then He left us here to be salt and light to the world. As *salt*, we preserve what is good against decay, creating a thirst for righteousness, truth and for God. As *light*, we shine, and illuminate drawing attention to the goodness of God in and through our lives. As salt and light, we must learn to engage and influence our culture, by representing a Biblical worldview and value system, to be Christ in culture. (Mathew 5:13-16, Mark 16:15)

- Describe some ways you are salt and light?

Thursday

The Bible has much to say about the poor, both local and global. True ministry takes place when we help those who could never repay us. We are to assist and to give our strength and resources to worthy projects. (James 1:27, Galatians 2:10)

- List some practical ways you can give of your strength to the poor?

Friday

For Meadowbrook, our next 20 will include: *The Lord*; high and lifted up. *The Church*; maturing and equipping. *The World*; being salt and light; Christ in culture. *The Poor*; local and global. (Matthew 25:35-45)

- What will your next 20 look like?

Memorization: Colossians 1:18 (NCV)

He is the head of the body, which is the church. Everything comes from Him. He is the first one who was raised from the dead. So in all things Jesus has first place.