



Next is Now - Become a Change Agent **Pastor James Heyward**

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BELONG – *You do not just need a church to attend; you need a people to belong to.*

BELIEVE – *Belief is not just what you say about Jesus; it is the trust you place in Jesus.*

BECOME - *What happens when Jesus starts shaping you into who you were created to be.*

YOU WERE NOT SAVED TO SIT; YOU WERE SAVED TO SERVE.

- Grace saves you: Purpose sends you

“Saving is all his idea, and all his work. All we do is trust him enough to let him do it. It’s God’s gift from start to finish! We don’t play the major role. If we did, we’d probably go around bragging that we’d done the whole thing! No, we neither make nor save ourselves. God does both the making and saving. He creates each of us by Christ Jesus to join him in the work he does, the good work he has gotten ready for us to do, work we had better be doing.” Ephesians 2:8-19

- 1. God saved you from something. What has he saved you from?**
- 2. What do you still need His grace to save you from?**
- 3. God saved you for something. What do you believe God has saved you for - for what purpose?**

- You are here to be salt and light

“Let me tell you why you are here. You’re here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God- flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You’ve lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage.

“Here’s another way to put it: You’re here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We’re going public with this, as public as a city on a hill.

If I make you light-bearers, you don’t think I’m going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I’m putting you on a light stand. Now that I’ve put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you’ll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:13-16

- 4. Salt adds flavor - how can you add ‘God flavor’ to your corner of the world?**
- 5. Salt preserves - how can you preserve your ‘God flavor’ in this out-of-control world?**
- 6. Light dispels darkness - how are you dispelling darkness in your sphere of influence?**

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Ask Yourself:

1. Am I mostly a **CONSUMER** here, or a **CONTRIBUTOR**?
2. If everyone at Salem Fields **SERVED EXACTLY LIKE I DO**, would this church be strong or struggling?
3. Am I using my gifts **INTENTIONALLY**, or just dropping in when it is convenient?

Your Next is Now:

1. Say yes to serving somewhere
2. Discover how you are wired
3. Bring mission into your everyday life

