

*Taking Care of Business*

# “GOING PUBLIC”

Part 2

## FOUR UNDERSTANDINGS:

- 1) We must lovingly share our faith because we have found someone wonderful!
- 2) Our faith is not just a part of our spiritual life, it is our whole life!
- 3) Christians proselytize because we believe in Heaven and Hell!
- 4) We share our faith, because that’s what God told us to do!

## GOD’S WORD TO ISRAEL:

*“I will also make you a light for the Gentiles...that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the Earth.”* Isaiah 49:6 (NIV)

**THE PROBLEM:** The mission turned inward instead of outward

## GOD’S INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CHURCH

*Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV)*

### - SHINE

*“You are the light of the world.”* v. 14a

### - DON’T HIDE YOUR LIGHT

*“A city on a hill cannot be hidden.”* v. 14b

### - DON’T COVER YOUR LIGHT

*“A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.”* Vv. 14b-15

### - LET PEOPLE SEE THE LIGHT

*“In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”* v. 16

## OUR COMMISSION:

*“Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”* Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

## HOW CAN YOU BEST BE A LIGHT?

### 1. Develop Character.

### 2. Share Information

### 3. Make Invitations

A) To Mealtimes

B) To Family or Social Events

C) To Church Events

D) To Onsite Gatherings

E) To Christ