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Focal Point Radio Ministry Dr. Mike Fabarez Shining Brightly for Christ this December

Amid All the Glitter of Christmas...

In a Dark World...

**2.** (John 3)

Because Jesus Calls us the Light of the World...

**3.** \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 5)





## **Application Questions**

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. While Christmas is obviously supposed to be about Christ, what are some of the distractions in December that end up taking your attention off of him?

What practical things have you found to be helpful in keeping your focus and celebration on the truth of the incarnation during the Christmas season?

2. What are some of the unrealistic expectations you have carried into your Christmastime events and activities in years past?

What are some of the realistic goals that you should be taking into the various Christmas events and activities that are coming up for you in the next few weeks?

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		Read Through the Bible in a Year
3	. What are some of the difficulties you encounter when trying to live godly lives in some less-than-ungodly settings?	Here's this week's schedule:
4	. Write out a prayer that expresses your desire to be used by God this Christmas season to share the truth of Christ.	December 10 <sup>th</sup> Obadiah & Rev. 1 December 11 <sup>th</sup> Jon. 1-2 & Rev. 2 December 12 <sup>th</sup> Jon. 3-4 & Rev. 3 December 13 <sup>th</sup> Mic. 1-2 & Rev. 4 December 14 <sup>th</sup>
	Here is a list of other CDs available from past sermons which may assist you in your further study of today's message. CD # 0541 – How to Celebrate Christmas: God's Instructions for Important Days CD # 0438 – A Real "Merry" Christmas: Genuine Joy & Peace Regardless CD # 0437 – In Excelsis What? Putting "Deo" Back in Christmas CD # 0563 – Getting Over Our Feelings to Share the Good News CD # 0560 – Recalling Our Primary Earthly Task	Mic.3-4 & Rev.5 December 15 <sup>th</sup> Mic.5-6 & Rev.6 December 16 <sup>th</sup> Mic.7 & Rev.7 December 17 <sup>th</sup> Nah.1-2 & Rev.8

Here are some resources that will assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon. (To see other recommendations by Pastor Mike related to this and other topics go to **www.CompassBooks.org.**)

Coleman, Robert E. The Master Plan of Evangelism. Spire Books, 1963. Downs, Tim. Finding Common Ground. Moody Press, 1999. Edwards, Jonathan. Jonathan Edwards on Knowing Christ. Reprint. Banner of Truth, 1990. Hendricks, Howard G. Sav it With Love, Victor Books, 1972. Hybles, Bill and Mark Mittelberg. Becoming a Contagious Christian. Zondervan, 1994. Jeffery, Peter. How Shall They Hear? Church-based Evangelism. Evangelical Press, 1997. Little, Paul. Know Why You Believe: A Clear Affirmation of the Reasonableness of the Faith. Victor, 1987. MacArthur, John. Nothing But the Truth: Upholding the Gospel in a Doubting Age. Crossway Books, 1999. The Gospel According to Jesus. Zondervan, 1988. McDowell, Josh. The New Evidence That Demands a Verdict. Thomas Nelson, 1999. McKeehan, Toby & Mark Heimermann. Jesus Freaks: Stories of Those Who Stood for Jesus. Albury Publishing, 1999. Metzger, Will. Tell the Truth: The Whole Gospel to the Whole Person by Whole People. IVP, 1981. Peterson, Jim. Living Proof: Sharing the Gospel Naturally. NavPress, 1989. Pippert, Rebecca Manley. Out of the Salt-Shaker. InterVarsity Press, 1979. Spurgeon, Charles Haddon. The Soul Winner. Reprint. Whitaker House, 1995. Strobel, Lee. The Case for Christ. Zondervan, 1998. The Case for Faith. Zondervan, 2000.