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THE CALL TO
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ACTION
WITHIN
THE CHURCH

BEYOND
THE CHURCH





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Being God's witnesses to
the world beyond Church walls

CHRISTIAN VIEWS ON FAITH AT WORK

"I struggle to see how God can use me in the workplace."

16%

10%

"I see how God is starting to use me in the workplace."

33%

25%

"I see how God can use me in the workplace, but I'm not living it yet."

29%

31%

"I am a purpose-driven Christian living my calling in the workplace."

22%

33%



Singapore Church
National Survey of Christians in the Marketplace 2017
saltandlight.sg/marketplace-survey/

BBTC
Based on BBTC Faith at Work Survey 2023
surveymonkey.com/r/bbtcfaihatwork

CHRISTIAN VIEWS ON FAITH AT WORK

"I keep my Christian beliefs private at the workplace."

13%

4%

"I am open for others at work to know that I am a Christian."

51%

42%

"I seek opportunities at work to touch lives through the Christian message."

24%

41%

"I go to work with the mission of seeing my business or industry transformed to reflect God's values."

10%

13%

Active influencer



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“The political and social vision of the Brethren centres on **the influence of the regenerate individual**. That is to say, the Brethren believe that only the true follower of Christ – not political or social systems and structures – can bring about genuine improvement to society.”

www.methodist.org.sg/methodist-message/the-church-of-the-brethren/

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“The majority of people in Singapore would not step into a church for a variety of reasons – no relevance, no interest, no time, no urgency. If they are to be reached for Christ, it would have to be in the marketplace or arising from relationships built at work or in social networking.”

David Choo, “The Christian in the Marketplace”, 150th Anniversary of the Brethren Church in Singapore



MATTHEW 5:13-16

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14-15 “**You are the light of the world.** A town built 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.

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WHERE IS THE MARKETPLACE?

The earth • The world • In the house • Before others.

Where are the people who don't know God?
That's the *marketplace*. That's the public square.

WHAT ARE WE CALLED TO DO IN THE MARKETPLACE?

“That they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Marketplace witness is living in such a manner that those who don't know God can see God through your life, actions, speech.

“We are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works ...” (Eph 2:10)

HOW IMPORTANT IS THE MARKETPLACE TO JESUS?

- **122 of the 132 public appearances** Jesus made in the New Testament were in the marketplace – the public square.
- **45 of the 52 parables** Jesus told had a workplace context.
- **39 of the 40 divine interventions** recorded in the book of Acts were in the marketplace.
- **There are more than 800 mentions of work** in its different forms in the Bible – more than all the words used to express worship, music, praise, and singing combined.



Source: <https://saltandlight.sg/faith/salt-comes-before-light-rev-edmund-chan/>



If salt is not salty, it is worthless.

3 USES OF SALT

1. SALT PRESERVES (LUKE 14:34-35)

“Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again?
It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out.”

“Jesus was thinking about the salt used as fertiliser in the field and disinfectant in the toilet. They promote the growth of what is good and prevent the spread of what is bad.”

PS BENNY HO

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What does it mean to be salt and light?

Words by SENIOR PASTOR BENNY HO, FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH



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1. SALT PRESERVES (LUKE 14:34-35)

2. SALT HEALS (2 KINGS 2:20-22)

Elisha went out to the source of the water, cast in the salt there, and said, "Thus says the Lord: 'I have healed this water; from it there shall be no more death or barrenness.'" The water remains healed to this day.

3. SALT SEASONS (COLOSSIANS 4:6)

"Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt."

A person is holding a lit lantern in a field at dusk. The lantern is on the left, glowing with a warm light. The person's hand and part of their body are visible in the center, holding the lantern. The background is a dark, blue-tinted sky with some grass in the foreground.

If light is not seen, it is pointless.

MATTHEW 5:14-15

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.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:6

God, who said, "Let **light** shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the **light** of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

PHILIPPIANS 2:15

Be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as **lights** in the world.

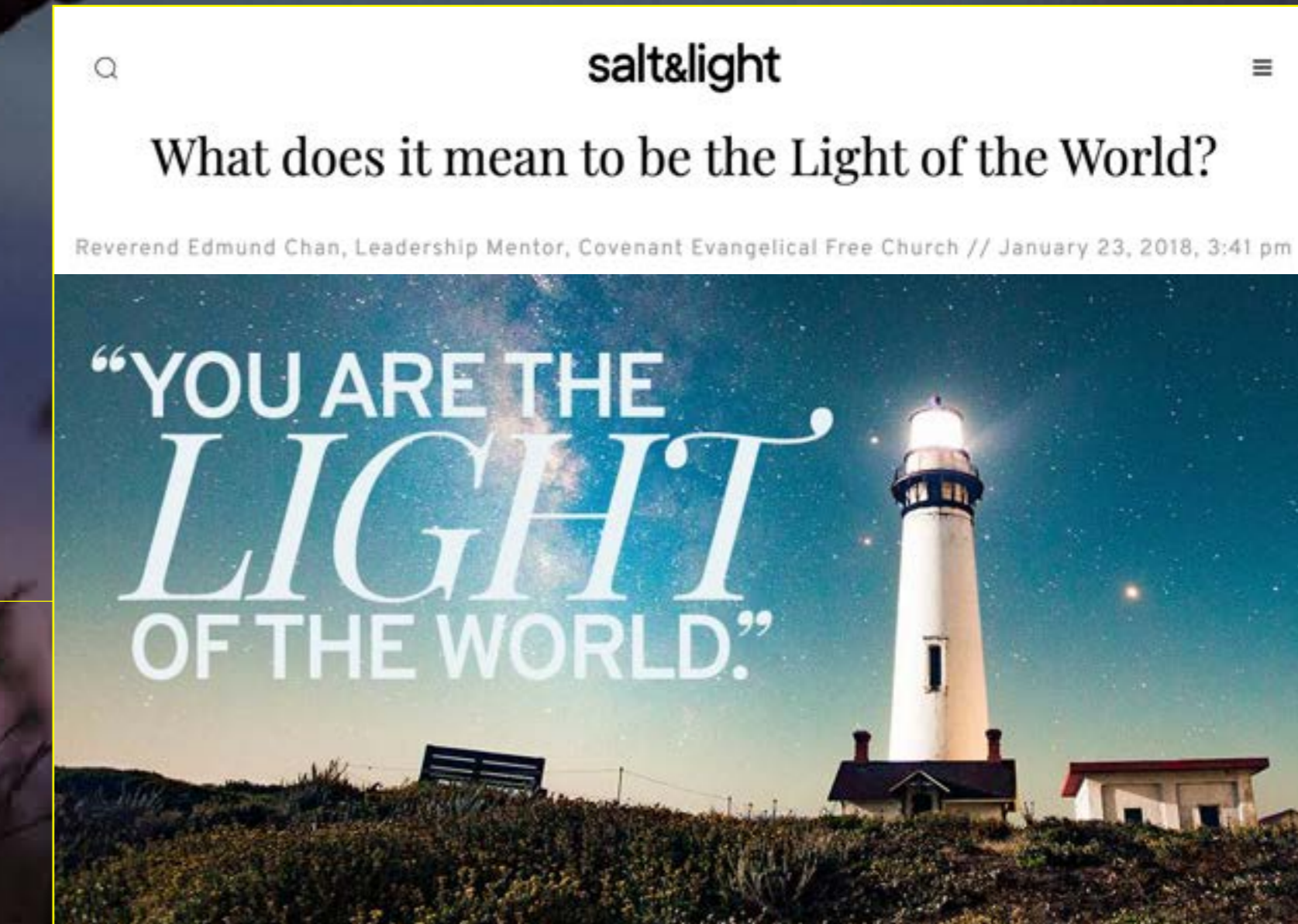
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LIGHT ILLUMINATES THE WORLD & DRIVES OUT DARKNESS!

“Let your light shine wherever God has placed you. That is His strategy! Whenever it gets dark around you, you can either curse the darkness or light a lamp. *Let your light shine!*”

If we allow God to work in our life, to shine where He places us, we will shine, not because we are good, but because Christ will shine through us. The lamp shines best when the darkness is darkest. *Let your light shine!*”

PS EDMUND CHAN



How can we be Salt&Light?

1. PRAY

Bring healing • Bring illumination • Drive out darkness

2. PRESERVE

Promote what is good • Prevent the spread of what is bad

3. PERSONIFY

Reflect Jesus • Season the world with grace

4. PROCLAIM

Spread the Light of Jesus!



How can we be Salt&Light?

1. PRAY

- **Pray as a Priest.** Usher the Presence of God into your realm.
- **Pray as a King.** Take authority over the environment.
- **Pray the Word, pray in the Spirit.** Wield the Sword! (Eph 6:17)
- **Pray with believers.** Come together in agreement.
- **Pray for pre-believers.** Allow them to experience God.



How can we be Salt&Light?

1. PRAY

ACCORDING TO THE BBTC FAITH AT WORK SURVEY ...

- **89%** have prayed for your business/workplace.
- **36%** take part in a workplace fellowship.



How can we be Salt&Light?

2. PRESERVE

- **Identify.** What is the injustice, unrighteousness in your realm?
- **Impact and influence.** Be Nehemiah – favoured for a purpose.
- **Propagate Godly values.** Righteousness exalts a nation!
- **Uncompromising faith.** Set an example for others, like Daniel.
- **Find fellowship.** Elijah’s 7000 “whose knees have not bowed”



How can we be Salt&Light?

2. PRESERVE

ACCORDING TO THE BBTC FAITH AT WORK SURVEY ...

- **79%** had faith-related conversations with a colleague/client.
- **35%** have often/occasionally had a negative reaction from colleagues/clients who know you are Christian.



How can we be Salt&Light?

3. PERSONIFY

“Live like Jesus did, and the world will listen”

- **Act like Jesus.** Integrity. Incorruptibility. Humility.
- **Talk like Jesus.** Gracious. Encouraging. Building others up.
- **Think like Jesus.** Carnal mind (led by selfish ambitions) vs putting on the mind of Christ (driven by purpose).
- **Love like Jesus.** Show care, compassion, concern.



How can we be Salt&Light?

3. PERSONIFY

ACCORDING TO THE BBTC FAITH AT WORK SURVEY ...

- **96%** do not keep your faith private at the workplace.
- **80%** see work as a form of worship unto the Lord.

“Above all, Brethren seek to pattern our daily living after the life of Jesus: a life of humble service and unconditional love. We go into all the world today with a mission of witness, service, and reconciliation.” brethren.org/about/beliefs



How can we be Salt&Light?

4. PROCLAIM

- **Heed the Call to Fish.** Embrace the Great Commission.
- **Consciously look out for pre-believers.** Be intentional!
- **Be a good testimony.** Let others see Jesus through your life.
- **Luke 10.** Speak shalom. Meet felt needs. Minister. Love.
- **Evangelise!** Build bridges – and don't forget your destination!



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4. PROCLAIM

ACCORDING TO THE BBTC FAITH AT WORK SURVEY ...

- **72%** say BBTC “encourages and prepares me to witness and evangelise at work”.
- **52%** have invited a colleague/client for a Christian event.
- **48%** have shared the Gospel at work.

How can we be Salt&Light?

4. PROCLAIM

THE BBTC JOURNEY OF A DISCIPLE



SHARE CHRIST!

In BBTC, we equip the saints for the work of ministry (Eph 4:12)



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A wide-angle, panoramic photograph of a city skyline at night, viewed from an elevated position. The foreground is dominated by the dark silhouettes of trees on both the left and right sides. The middle ground shows several multi-story residential or commercial buildings, some with lit windows and balconies. In the background, a dense cluster of skyscrapers is illuminated with various colors of light, primarily blues and whites, against a dark, deep blue night sky. The overall atmosphere is serene and urban.

The story behind
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Created to encourage and equip Christians
to serve as evangelists and disciple-makers,
here in Singapore and to the ends of the Earth.

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VIDEO

A wide-angle, panoramic photograph of a city skyline at night. The sky is a deep, dark blue. In the foreground, the dark silhouettes of tree branches and leaves frame the left and right sides of the image. The middle ground is filled with numerous high-rise buildings, many of which are brightly lit with blue and white lights. Some buildings have distinct architectural features, such as a tall, slender tower with a red light at the top. The overall scene conveys a sense of a bustling, modern urban environment.

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Vision of a metaverse missionary: “The church at the forefront of technology, using it for good.”

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“Don’t let work define you”: Former COO of Sports Hub who battled insomnia and depression

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What if Jesus were your next customer?



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How do I be a leader who reflects Christ?

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“Why am I so tired?": Struggles and strategies to balance work, ministry and life

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How can we be a light in our workplace? Ps-Dr Philip Lyn explains the four lights in Matthew 5

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“There was no big blueprint, just the fingerprint of God”: HealthServe’s Dr Goh Wei Leong



A wide-angle, panoramic photograph of a city skyline at night. The sky is a deep, dark blue. In the foreground, the silhouettes of trees with green leaves are visible on both the left and right sides, framing the city. The city itself is a dense collection of buildings, many of which are illuminated with bright lights, creating a vibrant contrast against the dark sky. The lights are primarily in shades of blue, white, and yellow. Some buildings have distinct architectural features, like a tall, slender tower with a red light at the top. The overall atmosphere is one of a bustling, modern urban environment.

Will you rise up as

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— God's witnesses
beyond Church walls?