

Outline

'Strangers in residence' (Who we are to be) - Alex Stark

Monday morning, July 30.

'To be a stranger in residence means to use the same language but fill it in with different meaning'. - Alex Stark

Matthew 5:13 Preservers of good, preventers of decay

'Salt preserves the good and prevents the decay. But only if the salt remains salt, only if the salt remains chemically different from the meat in which it is dispersed'.

'Jesus's disciples should be dispersed throughout societies in the world to bring out the best in every culture and preventing its worst. Christians are meant to add flavour, human flourishing to society and to combat evil'.

Three ways to be different

We need to be a people who...

1 Know the story

'If you do not present someone with the truth about God they may never get to make a decision about Him'.

2 Know the world

'We need to understand the hopes, the dreams, the fears and the pains of everyone in our culture, because ultimately there is no deep desire or fear to which the gospel is not an answer. Jesus is the best answer'.

3 Embody the way

'The best Christian witness is a transformed body of people'.

'Live such a life that people ask you questions to which only the gospel is the answer'.