



Vision River Together 2013

River Vision 2013

- What's God doing in the UK?
 - How we got here
- Pioneer's Part
- River's Part
- The Congregations' Part
- Your Part



What is God Doing in the UK?

- Church in decline during 20th Century
 - A time of denominations
- A new move of the Holy Spirit
 - Resisted by the church
- House Churches born
 - Spiritual Gifts restored
- Father's Heart re-revealed
 - Toronto
 - A common language
 - A time for the Kingdom!



Pioneer's Part

- Billy & Caroline Kennedy
- Central Hall, Southampton
- Mark Jobe
- Methodist Connection
 - 4000 churches to close within about 15 years
- For Such a Time



River's Part

- So around 4000 churches are facing closure
- Pioneer feels a call to partner in reviving 400 of them!
 - Biggest requirement is leadership
- We've been asked to believe for 40!
 - God is still calling us to be a resource church
- The BIG Year



River's Part

- Fits well with the wider part of River's Vision:

“To impact our communities and see reformation in the church through the love & power of God”



River's Part

- Our strategy
 - GOLD Values
 - LOOK, LOVE, LIVE
 - Jesus in the answer...
 - but we need to represent Him well
 - Strong congregations
 - Depend on the LORD!



River's Part

- Some of our Goals for 2013
 - See Edge established
 - Slough leadership & building
 - New website
 - Review/Re-launch Deeper
 - The Big Story – children, youth and adults
 - Review & rebuild our finance department
 - See income increase to £380k



The Congregations' Part

- Let's hear from them!
 - Dave Jones – Marlow
 - Di Chapman – Slough
 - Ceri Davies – Maidenhead
 - Vicky Earll – the Journey

Your Part



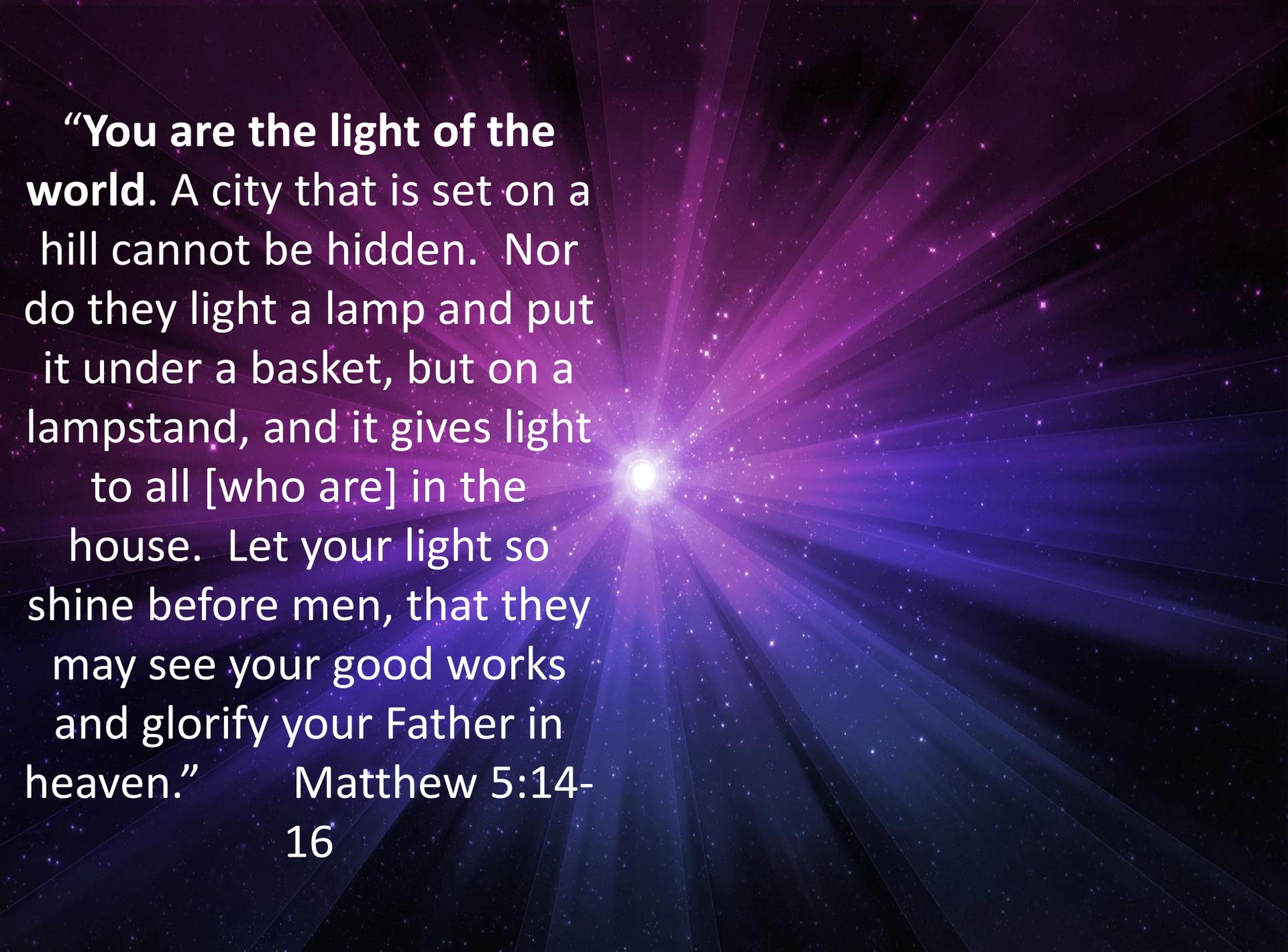
- You are the church
- You are the hope of the world
- You are God's chosen instrument to reach the world
- You are the light of the world!

- So...

Your Part

- The head needs its body
- YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!





“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all [who are] in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Matthew 5:14-16



Arise, shine; For your light
has come! And the glory of
the LORD is risen upon you.

For behold, the darkness
shall cover the earth, And
deep darkness the people;
But the LORD will arise over
you, And His glory will be
seen upon you. The
Gentiles shall come to your
light, And kings to the
brightness of your rising.

Isaiah 60:1-3

Your Part

- Find a space
- Light your candle
- Meditate on the scriptures
- What do they mean for me in 2013?
- Who is Jesus sending me to?
- The LORD will speak to us!

