**“Light in a Dark World”**

**Matthew 5:14-16**

*"Today we can say in no uncertain terms that we made our union a little more perfect …What an extraordinary achievement."* President Barak Obama

**Isaiah 5:20-24/ John 8:12**

**I. A Question of Authority**

**A) Contenders for Authority**

• Experience

• Human Wisdom

1 Corinthians 3:19; Romans 12:2

 • Tradition

• Institutions

• Our Own Logic

**B) A Flawed Morality**

Isaiah 44:24; Isaiah 44:2; Psalm 139:13-16

*Challenge to Christian Authority: rely on worldly wisdom instead of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*

**II. A Question of Relationship**

**A) Relationship with God**

2 Corinthians 4:4-6; Proverbs 14:12

**B) Relationship with World**

1 John 5:19; Matthew 5:14-16

**C) Relationship with Church**

Romans 15:5-6

*Challenge to Christian Relationship: love something else, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*

**III. A Question of Trust**

**A) When we don’t *Understand***

**B) Believing His Promises**

*Challenge to Christian Trust:* It doesn’t seem like God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.