Outline – July 18, 2021
Exodus 1:8-10, 16-21; Judges 2:10-13;
Matthew 16:13-18; Acts 2:41-42

Keeping The Light On In the Church

A Generation Without God Is On The Horizon
(We have No Idea What That Looks Like)

I. **The places that have "outlawed" God**
   A. Cuba
   B. North Korea
   C. China

II. **God is the author of our rights**
   A. When government gives you your rights, it can take them away
   B. God gives us our inalienable rights

III. **How does a generation not know God (Judges 2:11)**
   A. Did evil in the sight of God
   B. Worshipped Baal (false gods)
   C. Abandoned the God who blessed them
   D. Went after other gods and bowed before them
   E. This angered God
   F. God operates on a generational system
   G. The stages
      a. Faith
      b. Feelings
      c. Flesh (form of godliness)
      d. Forget

IV. **The last hope for light (The church)**
   A. We are the Ekklesia
   B. More than a building or institution
   C. We are a community, movement, mission

V. **The mission**
   A. What the mission is not
   B. Four-part mission
      a. Teach the word of God
      b. Fellowship
      c. Break bread
      d. Pray

VI. **The darkness hates the light**
   A. Exodus 1:8-22 (The template of Tyrants)
      1. God's people are the problem (from Nero to Hitler to the present)
   B. Rob them of dignity and value
   C. Create laws that suppress God's people
   D. Kill the children ("legally")
VII. **God's template that keeps the light shining** A. Uses the powerless to accomplish His purpose
      1. Midwives
      2. Moses mother
      3. Pharoah's daughter
   B. Fear/respect God more than Pharoah
   C. Focus on what God wants more than Pharoah
   D. Blessed by God with power and blessing
VIII. **Today's generation is forgetting God**
   A. The tide is changing
   B. Attitudes are changing
   C. Persecution more apparent
   D. A nation that forgets God will go into darkness
   E. His cross brings forgiveness
   F. His resurrection guarantees life
   G. The rapture is imminent
   H. His return is promised
   I. His reign is real
   J. It can be yours for all who believe

You Are The Light Of The World