

BEST. SERMON. EVER.



THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT MATTHEW 5-7

Matthew 5:13-16

Engage with the World

1.17.20

Small Group Discussion Guide

Opening questions (pick one or two to answer as a group)

1. Where has God given you influence? (roommates, workplace, home, club, etc.)
2. The call of this passage is to be salt to a decaying world and light to a dark world. Where do you see decay or darkness in your community?
3. Make a list of all the uses of salt.

Main points

Last Week: 8 Sayings of Jesus (*inward* focus)

This week: Salt and Light (*outward* focus)

Main Point: We are called to engage so that God will be glorified

Salt: A preservative

- We are meant to be *used* by God.
- It is possible to be "useless".

Light:

- You cannot hide light.
- Do good and God gets the glory.

Application: Actually care. Be the person God has created you to be in the place he has put you in your everyday life for his glory.



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Discussion Questions:

Read the Passage together.

4. Is there anything that doesn't make sense or you find confusing?
5. Why do you think Jesus describes Christians as salt and light? What would these descriptions mean to the first century hearer?

Salt and Light are about *identity* and *influence*.

6. Salt is a preservative. What are we called to preserve today?
7. Jesus says that Christians are supposed to have a similar effect in our culture that salt has in meat, and light has with darkness. The key to this is that we are supposed to have this effect, but He also warns that may not be the case (salt that is not salty, and a light that is under a basket). In your life, what are some of the things that keep you from having the effect in your culture that you know God wants you to have? Specifically: What are some things that might "dilute your saltiness."
8. Describe a person you know who lives out what it means to be "salt" and "light". What stands out to you the most about them.
9. Cody said, "if you are an introvert—this still applies to you. You cannot hide!" In what ways does our unique personalities help us be salt and light in the world?
10. In what ways do you find it difficult to be salt and light in our current culture?
11. Cody said the practical application of this passage is to "actually care" about people. How do Christians do a good job or not do a good job of this today?
12. What can you do this week to demonstrate you actually care about people?