

1. Connect

Question of the Day. Highs and Lows. Share how last week's message influenced your week.

2. Engage: Sermon Review + Discussion

This week, our message was from Matthew 5:13-16. Read the passage and dive into the questions below.

Matthew 5:13-16 (NIV)

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

1. What qualities of salt and light do you think Jesus had in mind as he spoke these words?
2. Though there was a crowd, Jesus was primarily speaking to His disciples (5:1). Why do you think Jesus says to his disciples, "You are the salt of the earth.. You are the light of the world"?
3. Jesus' second statement is "You are the light of the world" (v.14). As salt, we prevent decay, the spread of evil. How does the church's role as light complement its role as salt?
4. What are some reasons why Christians lose their 'saltiness' (v.13)? Or hide their light?
5. According to Jesus, what is the result of people seeing our good deeds?

3. Apply: Next Faithful Step

Jesus encourages the listeners to be “the salt of the earth” (v.13) and to “let your light shine before others” so that they may see our good deeds and glorify our father in heaven.

1. What are some practical ways we can be “salt” & “light” where we live, learn and work?
2. In what areas do you feel God leading you to make an impact or have a stronger influence as salt and light for His glory?

4. Prayer

Take some time to hear prayer requests from each member of your LifeGroup. Pray for one another, for your families, communities, our church, and the world.

*If anyone needs additional pastoral support or prayers regarding this sermon or any other aspect of our series, please don't hesitate to reach out to our pastoral staff. We would love to chat more deeply and pray with you.

