

Small Group Discussion Guide
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Parables: What Jesus Really Thinks
“Salt and Light”
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Welcome

- When you hear the word “influence” – what comes to your mind?
- Name people who may exemplify your definition of influence.

Word

Read Matthew 5: 13-16.

1. What was the setting surrounding Jesus’ teaching in this section?
2. What do you think Jesus’ purpose was in calling those listening “Salt and Light?”
3. What does light do?
 - a. Can you make yourself the light of the world? Discuss.
 - b. How can your light have maximum influence?
 - c. What ways can you dim your light?
4. How was salt used in the time of Christ?
 - a. In addition to the uses you listed, salt also creates thirst. In what ways can a life fully committed to following Christ create thirst in another person?
 - b. In part, Colossians 4:6 says “Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt....” What does “seasoned with salt” speech look like?
 - c. Does salt exist for its own sake? Discuss.

Weave

- In metaphors that we can understand—Salt and Light—Jesus describes what he wants his followers to look like; how he wants them to conduct themselves; how they are to treat others; and how they are to influence the environment around them. How are you doing?
- This week, consider your life in relationship to this formula:
High Potency (Light) + Close Proximity (Salt) = Maximum Influence
Prayerfully consider where you can be Light and Salt in our church and community to create Maximum Influence as a Christ follower.