



## SERMON STUDY GUIDE

“Matthew 5:13-16” on May 3rd

### CONNECT

How did last week’s passage we read/discussed from Matthew 5:7-12 affect your week?

### DISCOVER: MATTHEW 5:13-16

What did the passage say or did you take away from the sermon this week?

How does this passage/did this sermon point us to Jesus or teach us about Jesus?

### BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL

Matthew 5:7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.” Mercy is lovingkindness – compassion and forgiveness we

- DON’T deserve. It means we don’t get what we DO deserve!
- Matt asked, “Do I truly understand how much mercy I have received from Jesus?” How would you respond
- to that question?
- Mercy is what we received when we were dead in our transgressions, in need of grace. Meditating on Ephesians 2:4-5, how can you express your thankfulness to God, who is rich in mercy and made us alive with Christ?

### THE MIRROR

When you look in a mirror, you see a reflection of yourself as a CITIZEN OF GOD’S KINGDOM.

- How would you describe yourself living life as a CITIZEN of God’s Kingdom?
- Are you living out God’s purpose for your life in His kingdom, or is your own rudder ‘steering your ship?’
- What do you care about more than God’s Kingdom? How will you pray about that?

### SALTINESS

Matthew 5:9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.” For Jesus, becoming a peacemaker cost Him His life, as He gave it up for our shame, our sin, and our brokenness. His death gave us life, and His resurrection gives us hope, but we are confronted with conflict when we continue to sin, in light of all He has done for us. Only He can bringing reconciliation to that conflict!

- Describe a time in your life when someone was salt and light to you or the first time someone truly showed you the character of Christ?
- Read today’s passage: Who is someone in your life who needs your encouragement by sharing and talking about these verses?
- What is one way you could bring “seasoning” to someone in your life or the people around you?

### PRESERVATIVES

Followers of Jesus are preservers of God’s intention for our culture.

- Are you being used for what you were created to be used for? How will you ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in being who God created you to be?
- Are there times you feel you have lost your “saltiness” in serving the Lord? Who could you ask to pray for you about restoring that?



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LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE

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### THE LIGHT

If we are citizens in God’s Kingdom, we are LIGHT to draw people home to Jesus, to let them know who their Father is.

- How would you describe your light? Is it shining or is it hidden? How could you fuel your lamp in a better way?
- Where does your light direct its glory?
- How can you be a light right here in the C-U area, to bring people home to God? Especially during this season.

### RESPOND

Who is someone you can have a conversation with about what Jesus is doing in your life or invite to join you as you watch CU Church online next week?

### PRAY

Praying for each other and spend time praising God. Pray that he will show you how to better love God and love people.

### KEEP READING

Colossians 4:2-6 & Psalm 119:105 – Read more salt and light.