

**God's Kingdom: It's (Still) Not What You Think
People of Influence**

Matthew 5:13-16

The BIG idea...

Genesis 1:26-27; 12:1-3; Exodus 19:4-6; Psalm 8; Isaiah 51:4; 60:3; 61:6
1 Peter 2:1-12; Revelation 1:5-6; 5:9-10; 20:4-6

What it means to be salt...

Matthew 5:13

We are purposed to be a preservative

It's anticipated that we add flavor

We are meant to stimulate thirst

What it means to be light...

Matthew 5:14-16

We are intended to illuminate

Isaiah 9:1-2; 60:1-3; John 8:12; 12:35-36; Daniel 12:3; Philippians 2:12-16

We are designed to be an ongoing influence

The ultimate goal is to bring honor to the King

1 Peter 2:9-12

Next week scriptures: Matthew 5:17-20

Matthew 5:1-12

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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Growth Group Discussion

For the week of January 31, 2021

Connect

What is your favorite snack food?

Reflect

Read Matthew 5:13-16.

What point from Sunday's message is especially memorable?

Explore

1. This week's verses teach that by being Jesus' disciples, we are salt and light. How does this happen in daily life? What are some ways that Christians dilute the salt and hide the light?

2. Too much salt ruins a dish, while too much light can be blinding. Discuss the importance of sensitivity to others as we live the way Jesus taught us (see 1 Corinthians chapter 9).

3. Matthew 5:16 links the light of Christ with good deeds as the natural outcome. See Ephesians 2:10 and James 2:14-17. How do good deeds reveal the reality of Christ?

4. Share your thoughts about how a Bible character such as Daniel, Joseph, Ruth or David – or a person in your own life – illustrates being salt and light to the world.

5. Being salt and light requires involvement with the world, not withdrawing (John 17:15). What are some risks in this participation, and how can we overcome them?

Great Are You Lord

Verse

You give life You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope You restore ev'ry heart that is broken
And great are You Lord

Chorus

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

Bridge

And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
Great are You Lord
(REPEAT)

Love Came Down

Verse 1

When I call on Your name You answer
When I fall You are there by my side
You delivered me out of darkness
Now I stand in the hope of new life
(Yeah stand in the hope of new life with You)

Pre-Chorus

By grace I'm free You rescued me
All I am is Yours

Chorus 1

I've found a love greater than life itself
I've found a hope stronger and nothing compares
I once was lost now I'm alive in You
I'm alive in You Thank You Lord
I'm alive in You

Verse 2

You're my God and my firm foundation
It is You whom I'll trust at all times
I give glory and praise adoration
To my Savior who's seated on high

Chorus 2

I've found a love greater than life itself
I've found a hope stronger and nothing compares
I once was lost now I'm alive in You
(I found love oh sing)

Bridge

I'm alive in You
I'm alive in You
I'm alive in You Lord
Thank You Lord
Thank You Lord I'm singing

Bridge

Love came down and rescued me
I thank You yes I thank You
I once was blind but now I see
I see You yes I see You
And love come down and rescued me
I thank You yes I thank You
I once was blind but now I see
I see You yes I see You Lord
I see You I see You Lord

Pre-Chorus

By grace I'm free You rescued me
All I am is Yours
By grace I'm free You rescued me
All I am is Yours

Chorus 3

I've found a love greater than life itself
I've found a hope stronger and nothing compares
I once was lost now I'm alive in You
I'm loving You Lord we sing

Chorus 4

I've found a love greater than life itself
I've found a hope stronger and nothing compares
I once was lost now I'm alive in You
I'm alive in You

See A Victory

Verse 1

The weapon may be formed but it won't prosper
When the darkness falls it won't prevail
'Cause the God I serve knows only how to triumph
My God will never fail
My God will never fail

Chorus

I'm gonna see a victory
I'm gonna see a victory
For the battle belongs to You Lord
I'm gonna see a victory
I'm gonna see a victory
For the battle belongs to You Lord

Verse 2

There's power in the mighty Name of Jesus
Every war He wages He will win
I'm not backing down from any giant
I know how this story ends
I know how this story ends

Bridge

You take what the enemy meant for evil
And You turn it for good
You turn it for good

O Come To The Altar

Verse 1

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

Chorus

O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Verse 2

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Bridge

Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen

Verse 3

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found