



## **Thy Kingdom Come | The Preserving Power Of God's People**

***Matthew 5:13-16 NIV***

### **OPEN IN PRAYER**

### **ICEBREAKER QUESTIONS**

What's something in your kitchen you can't live without — and why?

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

**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. **Matthew 5:13-16 NIV***

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. What stands out to you in these words of Jesus?
2. How does it change things to see this as an identity statement instead of a command?
3. What "impurities" can weaken our witness and make the salt lose its saltiness?
4. Share a time when you saw a Christian's faith "preserve" something good in a tough situation.
5. When have you experienced someone's faith as a "light" for you in a dark or confusing moment?
6. Why do you think Christians sometimes choose to "hide the light" instead of shine it?
7. Jesus calls us to be different but present. What does that look like in your season of life?

### **CLOSE IN PRAYER**

*Take any final prayer requests as a group and pray for each other.*