



Title: Set Apart: Be A Champion.

Scripture: Matthew 5:13-16

Date: 02/11/2018

Bible Version: NKJV

BOTTOM LINE: As followers of Christ, we must let the hope of Jesus shine through us.

Vs. 13

You are the salt of the earth- If you have wondered what you are as a believer here it is. If you profess to follow Jesus, you are the salt of the earth.

Disciples are like salt because they are precious. - Guzik

The Gospel preserves life. Likewise salt preserves as well.

Trampled underfoot by men- It should be noted that there is some salt that is only good for being thrown down to prevent people from slipping.

Just as salt preserves, light illuminates and exposes.

Vs. 14

You are the light of the world- Believers are instruments in how God shines His light in this world.

If we receive the light of Christ, we must also give the light of Christ.

We cannot only live to ourselves, we must have someone to shine to, and do so lovingly. -Guzik

A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden- The idea is that a believers we are visible. We are set apart. We can be identified.

The Christian life is something very high and sublime, to which we cannot arrive without pains: while it withdraws us from the earth, and carries us nearer heaven, it places us in view, and as a mark, to the malice of carnal men. - Quesnel (The Christian Treasury)

Christ never contemplated the production of secret Christians, Christians whose virtues would never be displayed, pilgrims who would travel to heaven by night, and never be seen by their fellow pilgrims or anyone else. - Spurgeon

If you are a follower of Christ then you have to ask the question of how is your light on display.

Vs. 15

On a lamp stand- The idea is this light would be put up high for all to see.

Gives light to all- As followers of Christ we are a responsibility to give this light out.

Thus let every follower of Christ, and especially every preacher of the Gospel, diffuse light of heavenly knowledge, and the warmth of Divine love through the whole circle of their acquaintance. - Clarke

Vs. 16

Let your light so shine before men- This is not a suggestion, this is a command.

Jesus never challenged us to become salt or light. He simply said that we are salt and light. - Guzik

We will never shine our light in our world by being like the world.

That they may see- The purpose of our lives is to bring glory to God. To reflect the grace of the Father.

In order to walk in the light, you have to walk by the light.

God is said to be glorified, when the glorious power of His grace is manifested in the salvation of men. - Clarke

Before we can be a light we must possess the light.



Set Apart: Be A Light In This World.

Matthew 5:13-16

3D Guide

DO.

BOTTOM LINE: As followers of Christ, we must let the hope of Jesus shine through us.



1. What does this study reveal to you about God?
2. What does this study reveal to you about yourself?
3. Based on this, what changes do you need to make?
4. What is your prayer for today?



DISCUSS.

1. In your own words what does it mean to be salt and light in our world?
2. What are some reasons why this is difficult for us at times?
3. What can you do this week to begin to be salt and light in your home, community, and/or place of work?

DO.



Anytime you read God's word you have to put things into perspective. You also have to realize that the terms, not words, have meanings. As a group re-read the scriptures that was studied. Try the Amplified Version and compare that to the NJKV, NIV, ESV, or NASB. Pick a few words and have a group member look that word up on blueletterbible.com or with their app.

Parents & Kids

TAKE **HOME**

DATE: February 11th, 2018

Scripture: God Promises To Love Me
Exodus 32:1-19, 34:1-11 - God Loves The Israelites

Do you think God loves us more when we do the right thing?(Allow kids to share) It pleases God when we want to do the right thing and honor Him, but He doesn't love us more. His love for us is constant and stronger than we could ever imagine.

Can you think of some ways God shows His love for you?(Takes care of us, Gives us people in our lives who love us, He sent Jesus to take our punishment, etc.) Yes! God shows His love for us in so many ways. The greatest way He showed His love for us is by sending Jesus to take the punishment for all the wrong things we do.

Can we do anything to make God stop loving us?(No) He promises to always love us, and He's a promise keeper

Memory Verse: God is not a man, so he does not lie.

He is not human, so he does not change his mind.

Has he ever spoken and failed to act?

Has he ever promised and not carried it through? - Numbers 23:19

