

Sermon

ON THE MOUNT

Discussion Guide — Salt & Light - The Power of Sharing My Faith

Main Idea

This week, we started a brand new series, deep diving into the Sermon on the Mount, the greatest sermon ever preached. For week one, Pastor Matt taught us that we are the Savior's salt and the Lord's light. We have so many interactions with people that are living in darkness, but we get to be the ones who light up and lift them up in their situations. We must remember that we were not called to shine our light, in the light, but instead to make this world better and brighter, especially in those places where there is decay and darkness.

Make It Practical

- Recognize the moments God gives me
- Refocus on the manner in which I live
- Relay the message of hope to a broken world

**“ You are the salt of the earth...
You are the light of the world...”**

Matthew 5:13,14

Talk About It

1. What situations does it make it hard for you to be salt and light?
2. Out of the 3 ways to live as salt and light (see “Make it Practical” above), which comes the most natural to you? Which one doesn't?
3. During point number 2, Pastor Matt gave 5 things to help us refocus our manner. What does it look like to live...positive, not negative? ...find common ground, not battleground? ...see their perspective, not my perspective? ...be patient, not pressing? ...have unconditional love, not conditional love?
4. When was the last time that you shared your faith with someone who didn't believe what you believe? How did that experience go?

**“I want my life to be so attractive that people who know me
but don’t know God will want to know God
because they know me.”**

Prayer

Jesus, You were the ultimate light in this dark world. We pray that You would help us to be the salt and light You have made us to be. Do not let us shy away from tough situations that we encounter, but instead step into them, full of the Holy Spirit to make things better and brighter in our world. In Your name, Amen.

Scriptures Used

Matthew 5:13-16, Psalm 37:23, Proverbs 16:9, John 3:16, 1 Corinthians 9:22, Acts 17:22-23, 2 Timothy 2:23-25, 1 Peter 3:15-16

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