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Why do you do good? Sometimes we do good just to *make ourselves look good or to impress somebody*. Sometimes we do good out of *guilt*. And sometimes we do good in hope that good would come back our way. But Jesus encourages us to do good for another reason. For us to be the light and do right. Are we living our lives in such a way it causes people to ask, "Why?" Are we living a questionable life?

**THE BIG IDEA:** Found People Find People. Saved people serve people.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. If you were left in a pitch-black room for an hour with only one item, what would you want that item to be and why?
2. Have you ever been literally or figuratively left in the dark, and how did you find your way out?
3. How are women portrayed in the Bible? How are women portrayed in the church?
4. [With your Bible or YouVersion, read Matthew 5:13-15](#). What stands out to you?

<sup>13</sup> "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 by men. <sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> 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. [Matthew 5:13-15 \(NLT\)](#)

5. What do you think Jesus meant when He referred to His followers as "the salt of the earth"? How can Christians act as "salt" in today's world? How can salt lose its saltiness, both literally and spiritually? What might this look like in a believer's life?
6. How do you interpret the metaphor of being "the light of the world"? In what situations have you felt like your light was shining brightly for others to see? Can you recall when you felt like your light was hidden or dimmed? What caused that?
7. Why do you think Jesus emphasized the visibility of a town on a hill or a lamp on a stand? How can Christians ensure that their light remains visible and not hidden under a "bowl"? What challenges in today's society might tempt believers to hide their light?
8. [With your Bible or Bible App, read Matthew 5:16](#). What stands out to you?

*In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.* [Matthew 5:16 \(NLT\)](#)

9. On a scale of 1 to 10, how "salty" do you feel in your current walk with God? What might be affecting your saltiness? In which areas of your life do you feel called to shine your light more brightly? Are there any areas where you feel like you've put your light "under a bowl"? How can you change that?
10. What are some practical steps you can take this week to be both salt and light in your community or circle of influence? How can the group support and encourage each other to live out these metaphors daily?

## CHANGING YOUR MIND

*"You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world."*

*Matthew 5:13-14*