



Inconceivable **(1 Corinthians 15:58, Matthew 5:13-16)**

The Church is remarkable. And against all odds, it changed the world. There is still a great deal that needs changing. By God's grace and with your help, perhaps we can be a small part of bringing about that change.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How do you think most people today would define true greatness as opposed to how an ancient Roman leader may have defined it?
2. Jesus did the inconceivable when he redefined greatness by serving instead of insisting on being served. Talk about a time when you have seen or experienced the church modeling this approach.
3. Read 1 Corinthians 15:58. Is there anyone who has impacted your life or the life of someone you love because of their willingness to “devote themselves to the work of the Lord”? What would you like to tell them about their labor?
4. Read Matthew 5:13–16. What are the purposes of salt? What is Matthew's point in using this metaphor to teach and encourage his listeners?
5. Imagine Matthew's ancient audience. What do you think the images of a bright city on a hill or a lamp lit in a dark room meant to them?
6. Do you know someone who represents the salt or light Matthew refers to? What about them inspires you?
7. We are stewards of the Church and the faith for this generation and the next. We can take from the Church what we can get from it or we can engage with it. Are you currently more in the “getting” or “engaging” boat? Why?
8. We have the opportunity to be a small part of the Church continuing to shape the conscience of our nation and our world. What could Jesus' example mean for your next step as you consider where and how you will engage in your church?

MOVING FORWARD

We want to be a church focused on seeing people who are far from God be raised to new life in Jesus. In order to be that kind of church, we need the help of people who share our passion for leading people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. If you share that passion, you can fully engage in the life of the church by taking your next step - we call them the 5 Gs. Grace. Gifts. Groups. Giving. Growth.