



Salt & Light / Week 2 - “Leave Some Room For Love” / September 28, 2025

Life Group Sermon Discussion Questions:

Opening Icebreaker

- AI is making it harder to tell real from fake. Have you ever mistaken something fake for something real (news story, image, product, etc.)? What happened?
- Transition: Just like it can be hard to detect what’s real, people are also watching to see if our Christianity is real and authentic.

Scripture Focus

- John 13:34–35 – Love is the ultimate marker of discipleship.
- Matthew 5:13–16 – Salt and light: visible faith that influences others.
- Leviticus 19:9–10; Matthew 5:17–20; Luke 10:25–37 – Leaving room to love others.

Discussion Points

1. Authentic vs. Cultural Christianity

Question: What makes Christianity authentic rather than cultural or “fair-weather”?

- **Leader Prompts:**
 - Cultural Christianity often looks like performance (going through motions), convenience (faith when it’s easy), or compartmentalization (Sunday-only faith).
 - Authentic Christianity is marked by consistent love, obedience from the heart, transformation over time, and perseverance even in difficulty.
- **Follow-up:** Where do you see cultural Christianity around you today? Where have you personally seen God grow you toward authenticity?

2. Is My Faith Detectable?

Question: When people look at your life, what do they “detect”? Would they say your faith is real and noticeable?

- **Leader Prompts:**
 - People often notice relational availability, kindness in speech, integrity under pressure, generosity, and hope in suffering.
 - Salt adds flavor; light reveals truth. Where are you adding “flavor” or shining “light” in your daily circles?
- **Follow-up:** If your faith feels less visible, what’s one area God may be inviting you to make it more detectable?

3. Leaving Room for Love

Question: How can I leave room in my heart, my schedule, and my harvest (resources) so others can see God through me?

- **Leader Prompts:**
 - **Heart:** Move beyond rules to loving people from the heart (John 13:34–35).
 - **Schedule:** Create margin for interruptions, like the Good Samaritan who crossed the road to help.
 - **Harvest:** Practice generosity by leaving some of your “edges” for those in need (Leviticus 19:9–10).
- **Follow-up:** What’s one specific way you could leave room this week—emotionally, with your time, or financially—for someone else?

Wrap-Up Application

- Jesus said, “By this everyone will know you are my disciples, if you love one another.”
- This week: Choose one way to leave room—in your heart, your schedule, or your harvest—so others can detect God’s love through you.

Closing Prayer

Pray that God would:

- Make our faith authentic and not just cultural.
- Help us live as salt and light in a flavorless, dark world.
- Give us the courage to leave room in our lives so others clearly see His love through us.

Prayer Requests: