

Test: Matt 5:13-16

Main Idea: Kingdom Citizens are God's exclusive agents of change in our decaying and dark world.

2x metaphors: salt and light

1. The nature of these agents

- Salt
- Light

2. The effects of these agents

- Are undeniable / inescapable / inevitable
- Cannot not

3. The effectiveness of these agents

- “but if salt should lose its taste” ?? – cannot happen, but in ancient world...
- Our effectiveness as agents of change is dependent upon our remaining distinct from that which we are called to change.

4. The exclusiveness of these agents

- Grammatically the emphatic *you* and definite article *The*
- You and only you are...

5. The recipients of these agents

- The mission field – the world, the earth

The measure for us - true discipleship is distinguished by the number of people affected by it.