

## **The Kingdom Kingdom Church**

Matthew 5:13-16

Culture: the customs, arts, social institutions, and other manifestations of human intellectual achievement regarded collectively.

“Culture is what we make of the world.”

Responses to the Culture of the World:

- Condemn
- Critique
- Copy
- Consume

Or another way: • Cultivate

**Main Idea: The local church exists to point people to the eternal kingdom.**

Matthew 5:13-16 “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

### **I. The Church Is Like Salt**

Matthew 5:13 “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.”

- Adding Preservation
- Creating Thirst

### **II. The Church Is Like Light**

Matthew 5:14-15 “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.”

- Pointing the Way
- Dispelling the Darkness

Conclusion:

**Be a Kingdom Church!**

Matthew 5:16 “In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

Ephesians 2:10 “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

### **Be Part of the Kingdom Church!**

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