



MESSAGE NOTES

PRACTICAL TEACHING FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

Series: The Upside-Down Kingdom. Week 2: Salt and Light

Main Scripture: Matthew 5:13-16, John 8:12, Psalm 34:8

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Matthew 5:13-16 (NIV)

"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 underfoot. 14 "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 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. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Jesus establishes that his d_____ have a role to play in this upside-down kingdom.

1. You are the S_____ of the earth.

- Salt is a P_____
- Salt is a C_____
- Salt is a S_____

Psalm 34:8 (NIV)

Taste and See that the Lord is Good.

- Does world taste more like God because of your presence?

2. You are the L_____ of the world.

- We carry the i_____ of God's redemptive plan.
- The presence of Christians ____ the world must be like light ____ the darkness.

John 8:12 (NIV)

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

- Are you letting your light shine or are you hiding it under a bowl?

3. We have a _____ in this upside-down kingdom.

- As God's disciples we get to e_____ His kingdom.

4. The passage also contains a w_____ for us.

- Salt must retain its saltiness, and light must be allowed to shine,
or both become u_____

Revelation 3:14-16 (NIV)

"To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. 15 I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! 16 So, because you are lukewarm —neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth.

- **Are you remaining useful to the King?**

5. We live out our faith to bring g_____ G_____, not ourselves.

- We're commissioned to _____ our faith so the world encounters God's transformative presence.
- **Who are you pointing people to? Jesus or you?**

**These verses are a mandate for how citizens of the upside-down kingdom should live
_____ to the world.**

- **You cannot allow this world to put out your light.**
- **You cannot allow this world to cause you to lose your saltiness.**

If you become too mixed up with the world and allow its values to affect you, you will lose your uniqueness as a Christian and your ability to make a kingdom difference.

- Dr. Tony Evans