



Message Notes

Mini-series 2: You Heard it Here

Week 1: Matthew 5:13-16
(NIV)

Big Idea for this week:

Are you living out your _____ effectively?

1. Let your influence be effective in your _____ and your _____.

2. Let your influence be effective in your _____ and your _____.

How can we be salt and light?

Remember that our _____ matters

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Big idea: influence 1. preservation/conversation
How?: mission/relationships 2. direction/invitation

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday gathering. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family, and/or with your Life Group.

1. What stuck out to you about Jesus' Message today?
2. Where do you tend to get your news from? Do you think news today tends to effectively influence today's culture? Why or why not? How could it be more effective?
3. How do you see the beatitudes affect this section of Jesus' Message on the Mount?
4. Describe a world in which there is no salt and no light? How do you feel about that? How would life be different? How would life be different if followers of Jesus lived with salt and light in their everyday experiences?
5. Do you think the church is effective at preserving and seasoned in our conversations? Why or why not? Do you think the church is effective on our direction and invitation? Why or why not? If you answered no, how can the church be more effective?
6. Who is God calling you to influence? How can you influence them more effectively?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help us be salt and light in a world that is dark, but so ready to hear joy, grace, love, and hope. Help us to remember our mission and value the relationships you have placed in our lives. Help us to thrive as Your messengers while we live in this world. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

You'll want to come back as we learn from Christ how to thrive when competing kingdoms collide.