

# Group Discussion

## INTRODUCTION

How do you find a spiritual voice amidst the present-day foolishness? How will your life stand out in a dark and tasteless world? What if Jesus had the perfect answer?

## GETTING STARTED

1. Who had the greatest influence on you growing up? What do you remember most about this person? What do you think made him or her a great influencer?

## FROM THE SERMON

2. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time that caught your attention, made you curious, or inspired you to think deeply?
3. Read Matthew 5:1-16. What do you think Jesus wants to convey to us by proclaiming that we are salt and light to the world - right after giving us the Beatitudes? What are the effects of us being salt and light as we relate to a lost world?
4. Read Galatians 5:16-24. What do the desires of the flesh do to us (v. 17)? Which works of the flesh (vs.19-21) are you currently grappling with? Which fruit of the Spirit are you most drawn to and why? If there is no law that instructs us to practice the fruit of the Spirit, how can we carry it out (also see John 15:5)?
5. Read 1 John 4:19-21 & Matthew 22:37-39. What attitude or behavior identifies a liar? Is it harder to love God or to love your brother? Why? Give an example of someone you know practicing their love of God and others together.
6. What are you hearing from the Holy Spirit right now?

## NEXT STEPS

7. What will you do with this new truth or spiritual insight that has been revealed by the Holy Spirit?
8. Please make time to pray together.