

YES&NO

- 1. It's best not to talk about religion or politics at the workplace.
- 2. Had Jesus given the Sermon on the Mount today, he would have called us to be "Mrs. Dash" instead of "salt."
- 3. Jesus would prefer to not work with "spiritual idiots."
- 4. Jesus' earthly ministry was overwhelmingly focused on preparing my ministry.
- 5. "Good works" are very important to God.

DIG DEEP

READ: Matthew 5:13 (NIV)
13 "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."

∞ What have you been told that Jesus is trying to say here?

» The word *μωρανθή* (*moranthé*) means "foolish" in all uses but one other place in Scripture [Luke 14:34 which is the same phrase]. How does this understanding of Jesus' humorous statement change how you view this verse?

‡ What do you think Jesus was trying to reveal about God's character?

READ: Matthew 5:14-16 (NLT)
14 "You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. 15 No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father."

∞ In John 8, Jesus says that "he" is the light of the world. Is he contradicting himself, did he change his mind, or is he expressing something inclusive?

» If this is a continuation of the Festival of Lights, what might Jesus be saying?

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