

TAKE HOME SHEET



**Series:** Dare You to Move  
**Message:** Everybody's Watching  
**Speaker:** Rusty Coram  
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Jesus has important work for His followers to do. We have responsibilities individually and as a church family. He describes how we are to live as citizens of His kingdom in the Beatitudes (see Matthew 5:1-11). He then goes on to explain the impact He wants us to have in the world as His representatives using the analogy of salt and light.

Read through Matthew 5:11-16 and then answer the questions below.

Salt is known as something pure, a flavor enhancer, and a preservative. How do these three qualities relate to how I should behave as I live in the world around me in a practical sense? (i.e., do I strive to live a life of moral and ethical purity to honor God and help others see the value of a life lived that way?)

Light helps us see clearly in the darkness and acts as a guide to safety. Do I live in such a way that others see the truth about God, and the love, forgiveness, and hope He offers?

What are some specific ways I can live out Jesus' calling to be salt and light this week?

**BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:**

NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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*<sup>11</sup> God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers. <sup>12</sup> Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted in the same way.*

Matthew 5:11–12 (NLT)

*<sup>13</sup> You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. <sup>14</sup> You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.*

Matthew 5:13–16 (NLT)

**We are called to be a positive influence for Jesus in this world.**

**Like salt, we should be an indispensable influence in the world around us by our attitudes and actions.**

**Like light, we are to shine so others can see and understand the truth about God.**

**Our responsibility is to be salt and light individually and as a church community.**