

- ❖ **Therefore:** Jesus moves from who a disciple is to what a disciple does → our doing flows from our being ... **Mt5-7** isn't how one becomes saved or enters God's Kingdom ... Rather, how one lives as a child of God in His Kingdom
 - **CRUSE: THE SIMPLEST THINGS THAT GOD USES IN THE BIGGEST WAYS** ... Simple everyday pursuit of Jesus ... Beatitudes teach how the Church is to live in this current world ... We're not poor in spirit, humble, and merciful for our sake ... We don't hunger and thirst for righteousness for our sake ... We pursue these for the sake of God and others ... **Jn17:15-18; Pp2:15-16** ... We are **salt and light for the world**, to see the gospel of Christ / glory of God / grace of God in action
 - What does it mean **to be salt and light** ... A follower of Christ who lives humbly before God and others, who is a peacemaker despite the persecution, who pursues God's will over their own in every area of life ... Simple everyday pursuit of Jesus ... The Salt and the Light are the Church ... **Salt and Light are natural results** of allowing the **Holy Spirit to form in you the character and image of Christ**
- ❖ **Salt:** used to preserve food and add/enhance flavor ... Both purposes could fit the point Jesus makes ... Plain reading of the text: **how salt causes things to taste** ... The better fit is the flavoring effect of salt
 - Salt can't restore food that's already rotten ... Nor can we restore or preserve a world that's already spiritually dead ... This doesn't mean we remove ourselves from having any purifying effect ... **CRUSE: HOLINESS IS THE HIGHEST GOOD A CHRISTIAN CAN OFFER THE SOCIETY THEY ARE LIVING IN** ... **Holiness** = being who you're called to be, and doing what you're called to do
 - Salt enhances the flavor of food it encounters ... As salt, the flavor we bring out is distinct ... It's the flavor of God's Kingdom ... It's the flavor of a changed life ... The blessedness unpacked in **5:3-12** ... **Walking in the ways of God's Kingdom while living in a world that's dark and tasteless** ... **Mk9:49-50** ... Speaks of one who follows Jesus in total dedication despite the trials that come because of being His disciple ... **FRANCE: THE PROCESS OF SALTING WITH FIRE PRODUCES A SALTY DISCIPLE** ...
- ❖ **Light:** we were once darkness, now we're children of light (**Ep5:8**) ... We illuminate the light of Someone else – **Jn8:14, 1:4**
 - Lightbulbs → we illuminate the darkness with the light of Jesus / the light of the gospel ... His light shines through your good works and changed life ... You believing and applying the gospel shines forth His light ... Those in darkness see His light – truth, hope, life ... They see because the Spirit opens their eyes to see ... And God leads them back to Himself
 - **CRUSE: MANY CHRISTIANS TALK ABOUT TRANSFORMING THE CULTURE WHILE GIVING LITTLE THOUGHT TO THE NEED OF THEIR OWN INNER TRANSFORMATION** ... The rest of **Mt5-7** pushes you to self-reflect ... To wrestle with the inner transformation Jesus calls for ... Maybe before we examine the culture, we examine ourselves ... *What sins going on out there are going on in here ... How are the Beatitudes being worked out in my life ... How are they leading me to be salt and light where I live / where I work / where I go to school*
 - It's the faithful life Jesus calls all His disciples to follow ... **You wanna be radical – a simple everyday pursuit of Jesus**