

**Being Salt and Light
in a Pluralistic Postmodern Culture**

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Matthew 5:13-16

"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. You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

The biblical understanding of being salt and light

1 Peter 3:15

"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect..."

So how can WE be salt and light TODAY?

NEXT STEPS

- Memorize 1 Peter 3:15.
- Reflect on evangelism in the early church.
- Pray for courage and opportunity.
- Model love in a hostile conversation.

NOTES FOR PERSONAL & SMALL GROUP STUDY

KEEPING IT REAL

1 Think of times in your life that you were given authority to do a task. What were some of your fears and joys? How did you plan to take on the job?

LOOK AT THE BOOK

2 Read the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20. Can you be a disciple and not disciple someone else? Discuss *what* each phrase means, and the ways a person could disciple another in this culture.

3 Read Matthew 5:13-16. What does it add to our understanding of *how* to make disciples, especially in today's culture?

TAKING IT FURTHER

4 Where might there be opportunities in your life to disciple or begin to disciple someone? Name some specific ways you can be salt and light in your context.

WORSHIP LYRICS

If you'd like to spend more time with the lyrics from any of the songs this morning, please click on the song title below to continue worshipping.

[Rising Sun](#)

[Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me](#)

[Forever \(We Sing Hallelujah\)](#)

[Your Great Name](#)

[What a Beautiful Name](#)

[Behold the Lamb](#)