

Salt and Light - A Kingdom to Share

Matthew 5:13-16

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Why does Jesus call his followers the salt of the earth?

1. Because the world is subject to _____.

...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 by men.

Jesus has welcomed his followers into his kingdom which _____.

- We are to offer the life, hope and the sustaining power that God has offered us to those around us. If we do not the world will see us as useless.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.

Why does Jesus call his followers the light of the world?

2. Because the world is in a state of disorientating _____.

- Light gives _____ in the world.
- Light quietly draws _____ to itself because it stands in _____ to darkness.

¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

Several truths about being salt and light in this world:

1. Salt and light are what we _____.

- 1 John 1:5 ...God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all.
- John 15:4 Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.

2. Being salt and light demands that we _____.

3. We are better at being salt and light _____.

Acts 2:44-47 And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. 45 They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. 46 They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity—47 all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

Next Steps for Growth:

I want to begin to follow Jesus today.

I want to be contacted by a pastor.

I want to be baptized.

I want to become a member.

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Change my contact info

Mailing Address: _____

I am a: 1st time guest 2nd time guest Regular Attendee Member (taken membership class & committed to membership covenant)