

Salt & Light

Read: Matthew 5:12-16

Summary:

The Sermon on the Mount is the recorded teaching of Jesus when he is telling his disciples... you are to be different. You are to make an influence for me, you should stand out in a crowd, and you are to have a global impact in my name!

You are the Salt of the Earth

There are potentially so many ways that this imagery can be interpreted. Basically we live in a rotting world; things are not progressively improving with each generation. As Christians we must not concern ourselves will we become unsalty? Do we loose our salvation? As water is wet so salt is salty... so be different! Make an impact, flavour those around you, and act as a preservative in society

You are the Light of the world

Light is a positive visible thing... again making a huge impact on its surroundings! Things are not lit and then hidden but put on display for all to see. We know that Jesus is the light of the world but He dwells in us by His Holy Spirit and wants us to be like Him. We are to be a city on a hill, the church together seen from a distance. People should see our good works, not so they say how great we are, but how great is our God!

Application:

Please select from the following questions and do not attempt them all. Try and encourage all to take part and be honest about how they will be different as a result. Make sure there is time to pray for one another

1. Was there anything shared that needs clarifying?
2. What did God say to you and what are you going to do as a result?
3. In what ways do you stand out from others? In what ways should you stand out more?
4. Do you think you can loose your salvation... what Bible verses would you use to explain your answer?
5. In what ways do you think the world is improving? In what ways is the world getting worse?
6. Pray for each other to have more of the Holy Spirit in your lives so you cannot help but be salt and light.