



Salt & Light – Week 2

Read Matthew 5:13-16

1. Where do you see darkness and decay around you?
2. How can you be salt and light in these places?
3. **Read Matthew 5:1-16**
 - a. What connections can you make between the beatitudes and Jesus' call in verses 13-16?
4. Three uses for salt were mentioned and how they reflect the Christian today (*Preserve, Season, Dehydrate the Soil*)
 - a. Which one of these do you most struggle with?
5. **Read Colossians 4:6 and Ephesians 4:29**
 - a. In your own words, what do these verses say about your speech?
6. How do Christians hide their light under a basket?
7. In what ways are **you** the 'light of the world'? What are some things that prevent the light from being seen? What causes you to hide your light?
 - a. What are some practical ways in which you can 'shine' more brightly?
8. To be counter-cultural we must be careful about what we say, be aware of what entertainment we are consuming, and to think about others ahead of ourselves.
 - a. Which one do you struggle with the most, and why?
9. As salt and light of the world, we can bring truth, joy, and good works of love to those around us. What do people in your life need the most of right now?
10. Does fear of man keep you from shining your light for Jesus among your friends? Why or why not? How can we find hope for this in verses like Matthew 5:11-12?

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Question: What does God require in the ninth and tenth commandments?

Answer: Ninth, that we do not lie or deceive. Tenth, that we are content, not envying anyone.

Verse: If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. – **James 2:8**