



Message Outline

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Matt 5:13-16

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Series: **Best. Sermon. Ever.**

How do we, as citizens of heaven, mnake a God-sized impact here on earth?

☑ Realize your value to this world: For its good

Matt 5:13-14

☑ Refine your focus: Start close to home

Matt 5: 14-15

*Sun light = Christianity
City lights = The Church
House lamp = The Believer*

☑ Employ your secret ingredient: Good deeds

Matt 5:16; 1 Pet 2:12

☑ Don't thwart your impact:

Neglect

Matt 5:13-14

Self-glory

Matt 5:16



HomeGroup Questions

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1. As your group gathers for the new year, introduce any new members to the group. If you are a brand new group, spend some time learning each other's stories. Otherwise, catch up on how everyone's Christmas was.
2. What have you used salt for in your life other than flavoring food? Was it useful? How?
3. This winter, we are studying the Sermon on the Mount. Reread Matt 5:1-16. There seems to be an abrupt change between vs. 12 and 13. Why do you think Jesus followed up the first section (vss. 1-12) with our passage for this week (vss. 13-16)?
4. Review the outline of the message. Is there anything that hit home for you that you'd like to discuss further with your group?
5. Consider the incredible value Jesus attributed to His followers. Like salt, it seems that Jesus portrayed His people like seasoning, preservatives, money, and fertilizer in the world. And like light, Jesus portrayed His people as illuminating, warming, and leading others. Which of these analogies speaks to you and why?
6. Look again at vss. 14-15. Notice the three analogies: sunlight, city lights, a home lamp. Doug said, *"Jesus envisioned Christianity, like the sun, as illuminating the world. He imagined each church like a city on a hill, that is, giving light to their community. And He saw each believer like a lamp bringing light to their home and neighbors."* Where might God be calling you to be His light close to home right now?
7. In verse 16, Jesus revealed the secret ingredient for His people to make a difference in this world — good deeds. How are the good deeds we do connected to the good news we share? A) Preliminary? B) Complementary? C) An important follow up? D) Optional? E) Unrelated? F) Other?
8. Near the end of the message, Doug used a flashlight as an example of spotlighting God rather than ourselves. But that is easier said than done. How do believers do good deeds in a way that glorifies God rather than them? Give an example.
9. Take some time to share prayer answers and requests and then pray together. You may want to assign a prayer journey keeper to help keep track of how God answers your prayers this session.