

Real Christianity: The Sermon on the Mount

#8: You Are the Salt & Light of the World

Matt 5:13-16

13 “You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. 14 “You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. 15 No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father. (Matt 5:13-16 NLT)

Primary point: God expects you to be a unique example of holiness and love in the lives of unbelievers around you.

A) What it means to be salt and light

B) The history of Christian virtue

C) The problem of fake Christians

Applications

- 1) Don't worry about the hypocrites. Be salt and light to those who know you.
- 2) Pray that God will give you opportunities to be holy salt and loving light to unbelievers so they will praise God because of your good deeds.
- 3) Help your Life Group be salt and light.
We want the motto for our LG's to be 1 Cor 4:20. Paul says, “**the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power**”

Discussion ?'s

- 1) What does it mean to be “salt”? What does it mean to be “light”? What are at least 2 outcomes of Christians doing this? (see Matt 5:16; John 13:35)
- 2) What is evidence that Christians are the only source of holiness and love in the world?
- 3) How have Christians uniquely demonstrated they are the salt and light of the world? Do you have a personal example?
- 4) What effect does fake Christians have on our testimony? How do we overcome this?
- 5) How can we do better as a Life Group to be salt and light?
- 6) What was especially meaningful to you about the Sunday message?