



# THE CHRISTIAN IN TODAY'S SOCIETY

This past Sunday Pastor John kicked off a new sermon series titled “The Christian in Today’s Society.” The hope of this series is to explore what living as faithful Christians in American society, especially with regards to the political elections, might look like. This week’s lesson focuses on how we are called to be the salt and light of the world.

## FAMILY TIME

Take some time to share prayer requests and praise reports with each other and encourage folks to keep praying for each other’s prayer requests throughout the week and to believe that these will become future praise reports.

## BIBLE DISCUSSION: Matthew 5:13-16

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**14** “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. **15** Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. **16** In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Introduction Question: What is your favorite cooking ingredient?

Key Discussion Questions:

- What is the purpose of salt?
- What happens if we don’t have salt?
- What is the use of salt that is no longer salty?
- What is the purpose of light?
- What happens if we don’t have light?
- What is the use of light that is hidden?
- What are we called to be like? And why does this matter?
- What might it look like to be the salt of the earth?
- What might it look like to be the light of the world?

Reflection Question: How might God be calling us to be salt or light in our communities (practically)?

Small Group: Break up into groups of 3-4 to share how we think God is calling us to be salt or light in our communities and pray for each other in that.

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