



THE CHRISTIAN IN TODAY'S SOCIETY

This past Sunday Pastor John continued in our sermon series titled “The Christian in Today’s Society.” He continued discussing the salt and light passage we covered last week, but went further to explore how we might practically increase our salt and light. This week we’ll be studying the same passage as we covered last week, but taking it from a different angle and to identify concrete practicals that we can live out this week.

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

13 “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

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: Has there ever been a time when you were in the dark and really wished you had light?

Have 2 people read Matthew 5:13-16 out loud and then give folks a few minutes to read through the passage on their own and to ask God to highlight one thing to them. Then have go around and have people share what that one thing is (this will be a good way to increase participation too!).

Then break up into small groups of 3-4 to discuss the following questions:

- In what ways do you think you are meant to be the salt of the earth?
- In what ways do you think you are meant to be the light of the world?
- How can we practically increase our saltiness and light so that we can be the salt and light of the earth?

Have each small group share what they came up with in the large group. Here are some ideas for practicals from Pastor John’s sermon this past week:



Reflection Question: What am I going to practically do this week in order to increase my salt and light?

Small Group: Break up into groups of 3-4 to share how we are committing to increase our salt and light this next week and then pray for each other in that. Encourage the small groups to support each other in these practicals this next week so we can all grow together.