

Salt & Light

Matthew 5:13-16

Being a Christ follower means helping to usher the Kingdom of God into the world, _____ people to the ways of God and to life in that kingdom. Jesus called this being the “salt of the earth.”

Discussion 1. Who first “connected” you to life in the kingdom of God? What was it about them that made them effective at it for you?

The calling on Christ followers is to bring light into a dark world in a way that is helpful and _____. If we are getting this right, it is not us shining our light, but God’s light shining through us.

Discussion 2. Can you think of any examples of a Christian bringing light into a dark situation redemptively? For you, what is an obstacle to being a light in your world? What is your strategy for overcoming that obstacle?

There is an absolute impartiality to light. It does not discriminate, showing the way to some but not to others. For Christ followers, being the light of the world is likewise impartial. We just shine, for anyone and for _____.

Discussion 3. Our light is supposed to shine irrespective of who we are around or what the circumstances are. What are some circumstances or some crowds where you may struggle to let your light shine? Who are some people whom you may be inclined to deem undeserving of your light?

Being the light of the world is much less about what we say and much more about how we live. How do my day-to-day _____ point people to Jesus?

Discussion 4. If an argument broke out among your neighbors or your coworkers about whether or not you are a Christian, do you think there would be enough evidence to say you are? What kind of choices in someone’s life do you think tend to point people toward Jesus?