



Living As A Visible Witness | Matthew 5:13-16

1. Where would you place yourself in the crowd if at the sermon on the mount and why?
2. Jesus says you ARE salt and light rather than try to become. What difference does that make in how you understand his teaching?
3. What practical ways can we live out this mandate of being salt and light?
4. How can we remain distinctive as followers of Jesus without becoming judgemental, isolated or disconnected from people who don't share our faith?
5. Can you think of someone whose Christian faith has positively affected an environment you've been part of? What was distinctive about them?
6. Jesus talks about salt losing its saltiness or light being hidden. What things can make our Christian faith become less distinctive or influential in everyday life?
7. Jesus says both "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12) and "You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). How do you understand those two statements fitting together?
8. What does light do that gives us a slightly different picture from salt?
9. Jesus says people should see our good deeds and glorify our Father, not us. How can our lives point attention towards God rather than ourselves?
10. Is there a danger of "letting your light shine" becoming performative and trying to look like a good Christian? What's the difference between that and genuinely living visibly as a follower of Jesus?
11. The sermon keeps returning to the disciples sitting at Jesus' feet. Listening, learning and being shaped by Him. What does "sitting at Jesus' feet" realistically look like in an ordinary week for us?



What did you discover about God in this passage?
 What did you discover about people in this passage?
 How will you commit to obey this passage this week?
 With whom will you share what you have learned?

