

SESSION 1: “BEING SALT & LIGHT”

TEXT: MATTHEW 5: 13 – 16

INTRODUCTION:

✚ **Matthew 5: 13, 14** – “*You (plural) are the salt of the earth...
You (plural) are the light of the world.*”

What Did Jesus Mean by the Salt of the Earth?

✚ **Luke 14: 34, 35** – “*Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out.*”

What About the Light of the World?

✚ **Philippians 2: 14 – 16** – “*Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation. Then you will shine among them like stars as you hold firmly to the word of God.*”

3 KEY REQUIREMENTS

1. WE NEED TO BE THE RIGHT Q_____

✚ **2Corinthians 6: 14 – 18** - “*Do not be unequally yoked...*”

✚ **Psalms 106: 35, 36** – “*They mingled with the nations and adopted their customs and they worshipped their idols which became a snare to them...*”

✚ **vs 13** – “*If salt has lost its saltiness, how can it be made salty again?*”

2. WE NEED TO HAVE THE RIGHT Q_____

3. WE NEED TO BE IN THE RIGHT P_____



4 POSSIBLE RESPONSES:

1. We F_____ with the Culture
2. We F_____ the Culture
3. We F_____ from the Culture
4. We F_____ the Culture & Fix It!

3 CUTLURAL TRENDS

1. TRUTH AS A SOCIAL CONSTRUCT
2. THE QUESTIONS ARE CHANGING
3. FAITH IS PRIVATIZED

✚ **Romans 10: 13, 14 (NLT)** – *“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?”*

✚ **Are you ready to be salt & light in our broken world?**

SESSION 2: “BECOMING A CLEAR SIGNPOST”

INTRODUCTION:

✚ **Philippians 2: 12 – 16** - *“Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed – not only in my presence but now much more in my absence – continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, to will and to act according to his good purpose. Do everything without complaining, or arguing so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life – in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labour for nothing.”*

2 KEY TRUTHS

1. WE HAVE A P_____ TO ACHIEVE

✚ **vs 12** – *“...work out your salvation with fear and trembling...”*

✚ **Ephesians 2: 8, 9** – *“For it is by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works so that no one can boast.”*

✚ *“work out” – “work to full completion”*

1. It gives a picture of someone working out a *mathematical* problem.
2. It gives a picture of someone working in a *mine*.
3. It gives a picture of a *farmer* working in a field.

Question: **WHAT IS GOD’S PURPOSE?**

God’s purpose for us is C_____.

WORLD	CHRISTIAN
Complains and Finds Fault	Blameless and Pure
In Darkness	Bright Light Shining Like Stars
Empty & Hollow	Hold Out The Word of Life

2. WE HAVE A P_____ TO RECEIVE

✚ vs 13 – *“For it is GOD who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose...”*

“He whom the Lord wants to use greatly, He also deals with deeply.”

Question: **Who is a Marketplace Minister?**

Q: What kind of a **signpost** are you?

✚ **Philippians 1: 27** – *“Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ...”*

The phrase he used “conduct yourselves” is the Greek word “*politeuomai*” which means “to exercise the rights and duties of a citizen”

✚ **2Corinthians 3: 2** – *“You are a letter; written on our hearts, known and read by everyone...”*

Indian proverb: *“After you cut off someone’s nose, it is no point giving him a rose to smell!”*

Question: How do we play our role as a signpost?

4 SIMPLE THINGS

1. P_____ FAITHFULLY

✚ **Colossians 4: 3, 4** – *“And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.”*

*“Every time I pray, I move the Hands of God
My prayer does the things my hands cannot do
Every time I pray, the mountain are removed
And paths are made straight and nations turn to you!”*

2. C _____ **RELATIONALLY**

3. L _____ **PRACTICALLY**

✚ **DL Moody:** *“Out of 100 men, one will read the Bible, the 99 others will read the Christian.”*

✚ **John 13: 34, 35** – *“A new command I give you: Love on another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”*

*“The Gospel of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John
Are read by more than a few
But the one that is most read and commented on
Is the gospel according to you*

*You are writing a gospel, a chapter a day
By the things you do and the words that you say
Men read what you write, whether faithless or true
But what is the gospel according to you?*

*Do men read His truth and His love in your life
Or has yours been too full of malice and strife?
Does your life speak of evil, or does it ring true?
Just what is the gospel according to you?”*

Q: What is the **Gospel** according to you?

4. S_____ BOLDLY

✚ **St Francis of Assisi:** “*Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words.*”

✚ **Romans 10: 14 – 15** – “*How then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”*”

CONCLUSION:

1. Work is a *command* from God.
2. Work is a means to our *personal growth*.
3. Work is a *platform* for our *ministry* to others.
4. Work is what God can use to *transform society*.

“Come work for the Lord.
The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay may be low.
But the retirement benefits are out of this world!”
