

Jesus says...

WEEK 2 | SALT AND LIGHT | MATTHEW 5:13-16

Inspection – “What does it say?”

What happens to salt that loses its saltiness? (verse 13)

To what did Jesus compare his followers in verse 14?

According to verse 15, what does a lamp in a house do?

What does light reveal before others? (verse 16)

According to verse 16, what is the end result of letting our light shine?

Observation – “What does it mean?”

What more do we learn from Mark 9:50, Luke 14:34-35, John 8:12, and 1 Corinthians 10:31?

What does it mean if we say Jesus is the source of light and we reflect that light?

In what ways do we put our spiritual light under a bowl?

Consider the many uses of salt and how this relates to our life in Christ.

How should the influence of a Christian be different from worldly influence?

Life Application – “What does it mean for me?”

Evaluate how your witness for Christ has grown or decreased in the past 10 years.

Consider the darkest places in need of God’s light and make His presence known.

Pick a verse to memorize for each day this coming week.

Take a break from social media one day each week and spend more time in prayer.

Write down one person’s name who needs the light of Jesus and pray for them daily.

Meditation – “What does God say?”

1 Corinthians 15:33

Proverbs 27:17

1 Peter 3:16

Galatians 5:7-8

2 Timothy 3:16-17

1 Timothy 4:12

Hebrews 10:24-25

1 Peter 2:9

Supplication: What Can We Meditate?

Heavenly Father, You are the Lord of the Harvest, You are the only One who calls workers into Your fields. We long to see the world transformed by You. There is a great need for the world to be touched by Your healing power. People are weary and worn out. They are lost and helpless without a Shepherd, but You see them and have compassion on them. Your heart is full of grace and mercy for them, and Your love is bottomless for people around the world. Lord, may we have the same compassion for the lost. Give us the eyes to see and the heart to feel the great need around us, so that our hearts break for the lost. Because of Your compassion for them, You command us to join by praying for more workers to be released into the fields.

When we lift up our eyes, we see the world is ripe for the harvest. And because of Your great love, You sent Your Son to seek and to save the lost. The harvest is huge, but nothing is impossible with You. In obedience to Your command, we earnestly pray that You will send more men and women into the harvest.

Lord, we desire to see the world redeemed, so call thousands of men and women to the harvest, that they may respond to that invitation with a simple, "Yes, Lord!" Give them courage and boldness to respond with obedience. Raise up servants who are committed to making disciples who will change the world together. We long to see more disciples making disciples throughout the world.

Lord, our part is to pray, and Your part is to send. So we pray. We pray earnestly. We plead for more faithful warriors. Send out workers to reap a harvest of lost souls. At the right time and in the right way, call a mighty movement of laborers to every country, every city, and every community. To every middle school, every high school, and every university campus. To every culture, every ethnicity, and every nationality. Send laborers to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth!

Empower teams of laborers, so that they may be fruitful and effective witnesses wherever they live, work, or go. And as they go, open a door for Your Word and enable them to speak of Jesus Christ with clarity and boldness. May Your favor and blessing be on them as they obey the call. As they labor, may the Word of God increase and multiply with the Gospel spreading rapidly throughout the whole world. We are on our knees crying out for workers with listening ears, obedient hearts, responsive feet, and harvest hands.

Lord, we believe the best is yet to come; therefore, we are praying with great expectation for You to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine. We humbly pray for You who is in charge of the harvest to send more workers into Your fields. According to Your power that is at work within us, to You be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.