



Salt and Light in the World

February 6, 2022

Reflect + Discuss

- Share about something that you had great excitement or passion for (like an event, a job, etc.) – did it live up to your expectations, or did you find yourself disenchanted?
- Read Matthew 5:13. Discuss any/all of the following:
 - o What makes followers of Christ distinctive? How do these characteristics allow you to make an impact in our world?
 - o What does it look like when a Christ follower loses their “saltiness”? What has this looked like in your own life?
- Read Matthew 5:14-16. Discuss any/all of the following:
 - o Have you had an experience when good works created good will and opened a door for you to share the good news of the gospel? Share about this experience.
 - o Share a story about someone in your life who has been a light to you, and how their actions encouraged you to follow Jesus.
 - o Have you ever done something you thought of as small that ended up having a big impact? Share more about this.
- Why is it significant that Jesus says “You are the salt of the earth and light of the world” to his audience? Why is this significant to us today?
- What tends to make you lose your saltiness, or dull your light? What steps can you take to embody Jesus’ words and be the salt of the earth and the light of the world to those around you?

Pray

- Pray for God to guide your steps in being salt and light to those around you. Ask him to help you to embrace all opportunities (small or big) to be a light for Christ.

Next Steps

- Is there anyone who has been a “small light” in your life? Consider writing them a note/email/text to let them know and thank them.
- What did you find most interesting or surprising about Pastor Matt’s interview with Susan Demel (Director of Impact Ministry)? Was there something you’d like to learn more about or get involved in? If so, check out the [Serve: In the Community](#) and [Serve: In the World](#) pages of the website.