



Group Discussion and Application

1. Tell about a time when someone asked you what makes you different.
2. Review the basic functions the Christian serves in society as salt and light.
3. How have you observed your own Christian life influencing those around you? Tell about a time your life served as "salt" in the world. As "light".
4. What diminishes our effectiveness as salt and light?
5. We are to be *in* the world but not *of* the world (Jn 17:15-18). How can we rub shoulders with those of the world to influence them for Christ without letting the world rub off on us? What precautions must we take?
6. List some specific ways the Christian's life is distinct from the world.
7. Make a list of some "good works" we may perform so that others may come to give glory to God (v.16).
8. List some specific ways we can be *salt* to slow the spread of evil and light to promote the spread of truth.
9. Consider some of the spiritual gifts God has given believers and how these God-given abilities might be used as salt and light in the world.



Personal Reflection and Response

1. Ponder your gifts, personality and sphere of influence. How might God use you as salt and light to those he has brought into contact with you?
2. What specific action will you take this week to serve as salt and light?



Family Homework

1. Read Mt. 5:14-16. Using a flashlight in a dark room, demonstrate the need and importance of light. What happens when you put the light under a box?
2. Using a Bible dictionary, do a study of light and darkness.
3. What can you do this week to show the light of Christ to others?



Reaching Out thru Distinctness

Matthew 5:13-16

1 The _____ of the believer as salt and light.

2 The _____ of the believer as salt and light.

3 The _____ of the believer as salt and light.

4 The _____ of the believer as salt and light.