

2) **Dispels Darkness** – Sharing Jesus shines light into darkness.

V15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.

(John 12:8; John 1:5)

3) **Reflects God's Glory** – God is most glorified in me when I am most satisfied in Him.

V16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

(2Cor.3:18)

Growing Notes

Observation (What does the text say?) In Matt.5:13–16, what does Jesus say believers are, not just what they should do? What are the functions of salt and light that Jesus highlights?

Interpretation (What does it mean?) What does it mean for salt to “lose its saltiness”? How does that apply to believers today? Why do you think Jesus emphasizes visibility (light) and influence (salt)?

Application (What does it mean for me?) Where in your life are you most tempted to “hide your light”? (work, family, friendships, etc.) Which aspect of salt do you need to grow in most right now? (Preventing decay, Adding joy/flavor, or Creating spiritual thirst) Are people drawn toward Christ by being around you? Why or why not?

Gospel Fluency & Mission: How comfortable are you talking about God in everyday conversation? What holds you back? Practice together: How would you naturally bring Jesus into a normal conversation? Pray for Boldness to live visibly for Christ, Sensitivity to people who are “spiritually thirsty” and Opportunities this week to shine your light.



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KINGDOM CULTURE
Salt & Light (Matthew 5:13-16)

Ray Davis

Being Salt and Light comes from living the “Good Life!” Matt.5:1-12
Being Salt and Light is Identity language.
Being Salt and Light is a team sport (Community Identity).
Being Salt and Light is like Jesus who was radically different and radically identified with people.
Being Salt and Light will both attract and be attacked.

Point 1: You Are the Salt of the Earth

V13 You are the salt of the earth...

- 1) **Prevents Decay** - Christians run to not from problems.
(Jer.29:7; Rom.12:21; Col.4:5-6)
- 2) **Adds Flavor** - Christians are enjoyable to be around.
(Col.4:5-6; James 1:17; 1Tim.6:17; Ps.19:1-2)
- 3) **Creates Thirst** - Christians create a desire in others to know God. (Heb.10:24-25; 2Cor.1:24)

V13 ...but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

If you stop living like who you are in Christ, you **lose** the very **influence** you were meant to have in the world.

Point 2: You Are the Light of the World (v14–16)

- 1) **Public Witness** – If Christ is in you, it will show.

V14b A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.
(Col.1:27; Acts 4:13, 20)