

# LIGHTHOUSE GROUP HANDOUT

## Kingdom Influencers

Matthew 5:13–16

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### Big Idea

Jesus does not call His followers to *become* salt and light—He declares that they *are* salt and light.

Kingdom citizens live out a distinct and visible faith that points others to the glory of God.

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### Discussion Questions

#### 1. Identity First

- Why do you think Jesus says “*you are*” instead of “*you should be*”?
- How does that change the way you understand obedience and the Christian life?

#### 2. Salt and Compromise

- Where are Christians today most tempted to lose their distinctiveness by blending in with the culture?
- Where do you personally feel that pressure?

#### 3. Preserving a Decaying World

- What does it look like to live as “salt” in ordinary, everyday places (work, school, family)?
- Why is this often uncomfortable or costly?

#### 4. Visible Faith

- Jesus assumes our faith will be seen. What fears or concerns make believers want to hide their light today?

#### 5. Shining Without Showing Off

- What's the difference between letting your light shine and drawing attention to yourself?
- How can good works point people to God instead of to us?

#### 6. Purpose of Influence

- Jesus says the goal is that others would give *glory to the Father*.
- How does that reshape the way you think about influence, success, or impact?

#### 7. Our Church & Community

- What would it look like for our group—or our church—to truly live as a “city on a hill” in our community?

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## Personal Reflection

- Where do you see yourself tempted to blend in rather than remain distinct?
- Where are you tempted to hide your light rather than live visibly for Christ?
- What is one area of life where alignment with your identity in Christ needs to grow?

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## Take-Home Question

What's one thing God impressed on you tonight that you want to carry into this week?

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