



A Shining City Matthew 5:13-16

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Sermon Notes

THE SHINING CITY - City Centre According To Jesus | Matthew 5:13-16
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1. We are the _____ of the earth.

2. We are the _____ of the world.

3. We are a _____ set on a hill.



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QUESTIONS

ICEBREAKER: What do you wish was illegal?

1. Why do you think Jesus employed the metaphor of salt to describe the impact of His disciples on others [Matthew 5:13]? What is it about salt that makes it influential [cf. Job 6:6; 2 Kings 2:19-22; and Colossians 4:5-6]?
2. Jesus listed the qualities of His disciples in His Beatitudes in Matthew 5:3-12. How do these shed light on how a disciple may lose saltiness [Matthew 5:13]? Consider also Ephesians 4:17-24; Hebrews 6:1-6; and 2 Peter 2:17-22.
3. What is it about the properties of light that make it a fitting metaphor for Jesus' followers [cf. Matthew 5:14]? Examine also John 8:12; Ephesians 5:7-10; and Philippians 2:14-16.
4. Why would a city set atop a hill be an apt description of a follower of Jesus [Matthew 5:14]? Look up Psalm 48; Zechariah 8:1-8; and Hebrews 11:13-16 as well.
5. According to Jesus, what is the role of "good works" [Matthew 5:16]? Are they necessary for salvation, or necessary as a result of salvation [cf. Ephesians 2:10; Titus 3:4-8, 14; and 1 Peter 2:11-12]?
6. What does it mean to "give glory to your Father in heaven" [Matthew 5:16]? How do we ensure God receives glory [cf. Daniel 4:34-37; Matthew 9:1-8; and Revelation 4:9-11]?
7. What did you find helpful or challenging about this Sunday's message?

"Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn't." (John Piper)