

## **Small Group Questions: Salt and Light**

**Series: Jesus On\_\_\_\_**

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### **Read**

Matthew 5:13–16 and 11:19; John 8:12; 9:5 and 12:35–36; Job 6:6; Luke 19:5–7; and Ephesians 5:8

### **Reflect**

On a hillside near Capernaum, Jesus gave the Sermon on the Mount. He taught about the importance of faithful obedience and challenged us to live in ways that put God and people first, not personal financial gain or power. Jesus gives us a clear directive of purpose, that we are witnesses and must be salt and light to the world. How are you serving as the salt and light right now?

Pastor Josh Walters highlights reasons why Jesus told us to be salt and light.

#### **1. Salt makes things taste good.**

- a. How likely are you to share your beliefs with others? Do you find it easy or difficult? Explain.
- b. When sharing the good news with others, do you use the same method to reach everyone or do you try to deliver it in a way that they, personally, might best receive? Share an example.
- c. When have you seen someone turned off from Christianity because of something someone said? When have you seen a sudden connection? What did you learn?

#### **2. Salt purifies.**

- a. Jesus calls us to be life-giving examples to our culture. Think of a decision you made recently or the way you spoke to someone, where you could have handled it in a more Christ-like manner.
- b. Who has served as a life-giving example in your life? How? Who do you want to be a life-giving example for?

#### **3. Salt preserves.**

- a. Salt does not rot or decay, but it can get contaminated. When have you found yourself living much more inside the culture, letting the world influence your decisions more than God?
  - i. How is the story of Lot and his wife an example of getting contaminated?

#### **4. I am the light.**

- a. How are you being a light in dark places?
- b. Where are you choosing not to shine? At work? School? In front of certain friends? Why?

**Respond:** Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?