

Light In The Darkness

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MATTHEW 5:13-16

Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



Today is the last message on the mission and vision of our church. We are here to love God, love people and make fully devoted followers of Christ. We love God as a body of believers by gathering each Sunday to declare Him worthy and praise Him through song and the reading of His Word. We also love God by loving people. We love people by giving of our self to help meet their needs. This is a reflection of Christ giving His life for us while we were still sinners. We make disciples by winning them for Christ, building them up in Christ, and sending them out for Christ. Today we will talk about what it looks like for each of us to be sent out for Christ.



① EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the passage.

Read Matthew 5:13-16

13 “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men.

14 “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden;

15 nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.

16 Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

② EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? (Interpretation)

1. In what way are Christians the salt of the earth?

2. In what way are Christians the light of the world?

3. Who do we want to see our good works?

4. Why do we want men to see our good works?

③ **EMBRACE His Word**

Why does this **MATTER** to me? (Application)

1. How does the contrast between having our light on top of the hill compare to under a basket show up in regular life?

2. What are some examples of good works that people see Christians do that points them to God?

3. What is the contextual difference between 5:16 that tells us to let our light shine before men and 6:1 that says do not practice your righteousness before men?
(Matt 6:1) *“Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.”*

4. Give an example of how you can let your light shine this week.

5. How can we make sure God is glorified by the good works we do?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage:

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

SERMON NOTES