

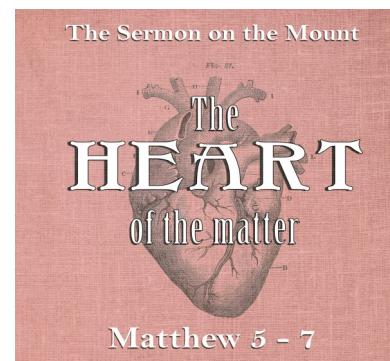
The Heart of the Matter

14. What did you learn about our being salt and light?

15. As believers how do we lose our saltiness? How does our light get dimmer so it can't be seen? What do we do to regain our saltiness and have our light shine brightly?

16. How can you and our church family be saltier and shine brighter for Christ in our community?

Praises and Prayer Requests



Life Group Study Guide

Making a Difference
Matthew 5:13-16

For the Week of May 16, 2021

Getting Started

1. What idea, thought or application caught your attention from this past Sunday's message?
2. Who are some of the individuals who have impacted your life? In what ways have they influenced you?
3. Whose life have you influenced? How have you influenced them? What lasting good can we have as Christ followers in our fallen world?
4. What hinders us from impacting the lives of those around us?

Digging Deeper

5. Read Matthew 5:13-16. When followers of Christ exhibit the Beatitudes that Jesus described in 5:3-12, how will we make a difference in the lives of those around us?

6. What are the purposes of salt? How was it used when Jesus lived in the first century?

7. Whom did Jesus desire to influence (Luke 15:1-7)? How was He being salt? Why did He reach out to them?

8. How are we to be the salt of the earth? Who are some of the “lost” to whom you are reaching out?

9. What warning does Jesus give us regarding our saltiness (Matt. 5:13)? How do we regain our saltiness?

10. Jesus states that we are the light of the world (5:14). What are the purposes of light?

11. Jesus is the Light of the World (John 8:12). What are our responsibilities regarding the True Light (John 1:3-9)?

12. How are we the light of the world (Matthew 5:14-16)? How can we hide our light? How are we to let our light shine?

13. What lasting good will our light shining before others have (5:16)?