

# Salt and Light

Lesson 2

Text: Matt 5:13-16

1. At the conclusion of the Beatitudes, verses 10-12 of Matthew 5 describe a reaction that the world will have to those who possess and use these qualities. If that is going to be a predominant reaction then why would Jesus tell us to be salt and light in the world? In answering this consider the purpose of salt and light.
2. As you consider this passage as well as Romans 12:1-2 and I Cor 5:10 how does the idea of individual or congregational isolation from world fit? Explain your answer.
3. How is it possible for our salt to lose it's flavor or become "tasteless"?
4. How can we be guilty of putting a "dimmer switch" on our light? Give some everyday examples.
5. As you meditate on verse 16 what are the really important points that you can take away for everyday use?
6. Be prepared to share with the class your favorite or most inspiring example from the scriptures of someone being the salt or light they should be and why this encourages you.



Application, Application, Application

For each of the following situations be ready to discuss how you could act as salt or light to benefit the other people involved and to glorify God. Also be ready to discuss the reactions you may receive.

1. A coworker is married to a deadbeat husband. He is lazy, verbally abusive, and not a good father to their children. In a group setting as this woman shares her frustrations, all of the other co-workers tell her she needs to divorce this guy immediately.
2. A teenager who is friends with your children has committed a sin with lifelong consequences. His/her life is now going to be drastically different than expected and generally looks pretty hopeless right now. They don't know who to turn to.
3. A friend has suffered financial ruin and is having great difficulty even feeding his family. He has never been very religious and now he even questions the existence of God to you.