

A MISSIONAL KINGDOM (MATTHEW 5:13-16)

CONNECT—Think of a fun-icebreaker question to ask.

DISCUSS

SALT

What does it mean to be salt?

- We were a vast heap of unsavory stuff, ready to putrefy.

What does the latter half of v.13 mean?

LIGHT

What does it mean to be light?

Christ had recently called his disciples and told them that they should be *fishers of men*; here he tells them further what he designed them to be—*the salt of the earth*, and *lights of the world*, that they might be indeed what it was expected they should be.

What are some things that Jesus has called us to?

What first comes to mind when you think of the darkness and decay of the world?

The major religious groups of Jesus' day each had different approaches to relating to the world. Which approach are you most tempted to adopt?

- Sadducees: accommodate into dominant culture
- Pharisees: separate into subculture
- Essenes: isolate from all outside culture

As the salt and light of the world, we can bring truth, joy, and good works of love to those around us. What do people in your life most need right now?

RELATE—Consider splitting into guys and girls for this section.

What are the lies in your spiritual life that most easily capture you? Have people in your Life Group help you to see truth from Scripture in this lie right now.

What has been your biggest spiritual highlight this week?

What has been your biggest spiritual struggle this week?

IMPACT (Invite, Engage, Share)

Have everyone identify one main action step that they are going to take in light of this passage.