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The World Anew
“A force of good in trying times”

The SCRIPTURE: Matthew 5:13-16

The BIG IDEA: Jesus animates the church to be a force of good in trying times.

The Challenge:

How will the church rise in the middle of this pandemic and other world challenges? Who will we be? The temptation is to withdraw in defeat. However, immediately after Jesus' beatitudes, He gives us followers a global mission – to be agents of the Kingdom in a challenging world.

Pastor Chris' Prayer for this Message:

We would grab a hold of the opportunity to be salt and light in a needy world.

Icebreaker Question:

- What is the best meal you've ever had? Where did you eat it?

Questions for Discussion:

1. Salt vs. 13

- “To be a disciple means to be an outward-focused agent of the Kingdom.” What does this mean and how are you living it?
- Salt means that we are different than food, but at the same time called to be in the food as well.
 - What does it mean to be different than the prevailing culture you live in?
 - What does it look like to be “in” the prevailing culture, being an agent of the Kingdom?
- Jesus clearly says that salt that is not salty should be thrown out. The Church has and continues to face consequences based on its historical sins (the residential school findings are an example). How have you processed this? What can we do about it?

2. Light vs. 14-16

- How does it make you feel that God has given us (KAC) a mission to be light in Kamloops?
- What are the dark places that God has called you to be a light in?
- How have you seen KAC be a light to our church and city?
- What role are you going to play, both at KAC and in your own sphere of influence, as we move forward?

Application:

- What are you taking away this week from this message?