

Life in the Kingdom

Effect

Matthew 5:1-16

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Introduction

Contrast (1-12)

Salt (13)

Light (14-15)

Effect (16)

What might living as salt and light look like for you this week and beyond?

Next Week: Sacrifice (Romans 12:1-2)

Further Study

Matthew 5-7

Psalms 37

Ps. 1:1; 32:1-2;

84:4-5; 144:15

Prov. 3:13

Dan. 12:12

Is. 61:1-3

Ps. 37:11

Jn. 8:12

Is. 42:6

Is. 49:6

Acts 1:8

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<p>Life in the Kingdom</p> <p>Effect</p> <p>Next Steps: Home Group Study and/or Personal Discipleship Guide</p>	<p>Matt. 5:1-16</p>
<p>Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!</p> <p>Start with <u>Prayer</u> -ask Jesus to guide our time together. Go over prayer requests together.</p> <p><u>Read the Text</u> – Matthew 5:1-16</p> <p><u>Questions for Reflection & Discussion:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As you reflect, either individually or with a group, what qualities in Matthew 5:3-10 are most difficult for you? Which of these verses is the most frightening to embody? How might living in the ways of verses 3-10 cause disciples of Jesus to be “set apart” within the world? 2. Spend some time in serious reflection over verses 10-13. Talk about persecution, from both angles. How do we persecute and revile one another, even as brothers and sisters in Christ? Then, in what ways is the Church persecuted and reviled by those outside? What is the hope in persecution? 3. Considering the effect of salt. How might we live in a way that directs or draws others towards God? What patterns or good habits might characterize the life of a person or community who is living in a way that draws out the “God flavors” in the world? (vs. 13) 4. Breaking down verses 14-16, discuss the power and effect of light. How does the Church reflect the light of Jesus in the world? And in what ways might the lives of individual disciples of Jesus reflect his image in the world? 5. In verse 16, Jesus identifies two results that follow as his disciples let their lights shine before others. What are those results? <p><u>Questions guiding Spiritual Formation & Application:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does this text challenge us to grow in a greater love for God? 2. How are we motivated to grow in a greater love for others? 3. How might Jesus be motivating us to apply some of the principles from this passage to our families, careers, communities, or churches? 4. How might Jesus be using us to draw those that do not know him, unto himself? 5. How can we pray for each other between now and next time? 	<p><u>Supporting Scripture</u> Matt. 5-7 Ps. 37 Ps. 1:1; 32:1-2; 84:4-5; 144:15 Prov. 3:13 Dan. 12:12 Is. 61:1-3 Ps. 37:11 Jn. 8:12 Is. 42:6 Is. 49:6 Acts 1:8</p> <p><u>Prayer Requests</u> Family</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Career/Friends</p> <p>Other</p>