



Part 1: Salt and Light

In Matthew 5, Jesus doesn't tell His followers to try to be salt and light, He declares that this is already who they are. On Sunday, we looked at how living as salt and light shapes the way we love our city. We also heard from Maggie John of The Baby Depot as we introduced our 2025 Christmas Fund.

Discussion Questions

1. This week's message started with Romans 11:36. What do you think this verse means? How does it describe God? How does this picture of who God is help us think about who we are and how we relate to Him?
2. How might seeing ourselves as "from him, through him, and for him" reframe how we view our involvement in our city?
3. Read Matthew 5:13-16. Jesus tells his disciples that they are salt and light. What do you think these metaphors mean? In what ways are followers of Jesus supposed to be salt and light?
4. Jesus says that salt that is no longer salty is worthless and light that is covered up, is absurd. He then says that his follower's good works should shine. What are the kinds of things that prevent churches from 'shining'? What happens to a church—or to any community—when it becomes inward focused?
5. How can we make progress in making sure that are working towards being outward focused/loving our neighbours? What kind of good works do you think God desires?
6. As we launch our Christmas Fund for 2025, we heard from Maggie John of The Baby Depot. What stood out to you about her presentation and the work they are doing?

Moving Forward

Pray as we continue to talk about our Christmas Fund, that God would provide for these important initiatives.