

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT (WEEK 4)

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS – FEBRUARY 7, 2010

PASTOR JEFF – SALT & LIGHT (MT. 5:13-16)

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1. What is your name? If you could take a vacation anywhere in the world, where would it be? Why? What is one vacation that lasted too long?
2. What insight, principle or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be most helpful, eye opening or troubling? Explain.

study

1. Read Matthew 5:13-16
2. What positive qualities of salt do you think Jesus had in mind as he spoke these words?
3. Draw as many parallels as possible between salt and disciples of Jesus. Use the following example as a springboard (Salt makes people thirsty: How can we make people thirsty for the living water of Jesus)?
4. What examples of decay do you see in the world today?
5. What are some practical ways we can function as salt where we live or work?
6. What might cause us to lose their saltiness? What is the implication to us of the statement that salt which "loses its saltiness" is no longer good and will be thrown out?
7. What is one "bowl" under which your light can sometimes get hidden?
8. Why do we often stop spending time with unbelievers once we become Christians? What is it about their lifestyles that may make them easy for us to avoid?

9. What is the ultimate reason to be the salt of the earth & light of the world (verse 16)? Read Philippians 1:9-11 and Titus 2:11-14. How are they related?
10. Can you think of any modern day examples where the good deeds of Christians (showing and telling the Good News of Jesus) has brought people closer to God?
11. Who comes to your mind when you think about a “salt and light” Christian you know? What is it about these people that make them stand out so positively in this world?
12. What relationship do you see between the Beatitudes and our role as salt & light in society?

pray

1. Pray that we might be the salt of the earth & the light of the world. Pray that God would give us opportunities to be salt and light.
2. Prayer requests – how can you pray for each other this week?