

Missionaries for Jesus

Summary

We have the opportunity through our lives to bring blessings to others and to delay the natural corruption that sin produces in this world.

Read the Passage: Matthew 5:13-16

Make Observations while reading the text.

Main Idea in the text:

Risk getting involved in the world by being salt and light.

Salt Characteristics

- Salt makes people thirsty
- Salt adds flavor to food
- Serves as a preservative

Light Characteristics

- Light helps us find our way.
- Light show us the dangers in our path.
- Light keeps us from being afraid.

“Christ never contemplated the production of secret Christians, – Christians whose virtues would never be displayed, – pilgrims who would travel to heaven by night, and never be seen by their fellow-pilgrims or anyone else.” –Spurgeon

Salt in scripture	Light in scripture
'the salt of the earth'	'the light of the world'
Antiseptic, Moral disinfectant	Truth
Personal influence not Political	Purity
Slow decay in the world	God's presence
Creates thirst for the Lord	Bring light of Gospel into a dark world

Application

1. Salt: We as Christians should create a thirst for Christ in those around us.
2. Light: We as Christians should reveal the way to find the Lord.
3. Don't worry about those who resist. Anticipate the backlash and guard against discouragement.

Discussion Questions

1. What did Jesus mean when He said, "But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor?"
2. What was He implying about Christians who live identical to those in the world?
3. Name some ways that we as Christians can be salt and light to those around us?