



Salt & Light

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Key Scriptures : Matthew 5:13-16

LECTIO DIVINA/ STUDY GUIDE

Reading & Prayer

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13 You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again?

It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by people.

14 You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; 15 nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lamp stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 Let your light shine before people in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Notes

start reading. read together the main scripture for this study

reading #1

In reading these verses of scripture, what would you circle, highlight, or underline as important to know or understand? Is there anything you noticed for the first time?

What is one word or phrase the Holy Spirit impresses upon you? Meditate on that.

start thinking. ask a thoughtful question

The main characteristic of salt is to be salty. The main work of light is to illuminate.

Salt loses its saltiness only by adding/combining other elements to it, making it "foolish", otherwise salt will always be salt. **How does this relate to the followers of Jesus' character of righteousness?**

In what ways can our righteousness (given to us by Jesus) become "foolish"?

When Matthew (recording Jesus) speaks of good works, he is talking about "works of righteousness" - justice, mercy, and faithfulness - **what do these mean to you practically?**

start sharing. engage it with your story

What specific situation in your life relates? Write down or pray.

What did the Holy Spirit speak to you personally about during the sermon? Was there anything that caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

Have you ever found yourself adding unnecessary laws/burdens to your life in order to maintain a sense of righteousness (*rightness with God*).

In what ways can we practice "righteousness" **to be seen**? (see Matt. 6:1....how does this relate?)

start practicing. commit to a next step and live it out this week

What is Jesus' personal invitation to you from the scripture? You can write down what God may be saying to you or a prayer of thanks.

How will you understand your character of righteousness differently now?

start praying. be bold and pray with power

prayer requests: