

October 19, 2014 | Wawasee Community Bible Church | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

PART 35: SALT & LIGHT

Sermon on the Mount: **PART 2** *Matthew 5:13-16*

IN THE WORLD, BUT NOT OF THE WORLD

Jesus says that we are in the world, but not to be of the world. However, we need to think of this more biblically than we do...

- 1. Jesus says we are **NOT OF** the world.
- 2. But, Jesus says we are **SENT INTO** the world.

This is the order Jesus speaks of it, and this is the order we need to live it out.

ABOUT SALT

Salt is only effective when it **COMES IN CONTACT** with something else.

Similarly, for Christians to live as "the salt of the earth", we must **<u>COME INTO CONTACT</u>** with our culture.

ABOUT LIGHT

Light only makes an impact when it is **FREE TO SHINE**.

Christians only make an impact when we actually

SHINE OUR LIGHT.

LIVING AS SALT & LIGHT

1. We are sent to **PRESERVE** as salt.

2. We are sent to **FLAVOR** as salt.

3. We are sent to **<u>SHINE</u>** as light.

4. We are sent to **POINT OTHERS TO JESUS**.

1:10 COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Open Your Group in Prayer. Use the Prayer Guide on the next page for Suggestions.

Read Matthew 5:13-16.

- 1. Traditionally, when you think of a Christian who is "salty", what type of person do you think of?
- 2. In what ways have you tried to be salty thus far in your Christian life?
- 3. A year ago, whom would you have considered the "saltiest" Christian you know? Why? What about now? Has your opinion changed?
- 4. In what ways can Christians add flavor to the world? In what ways can we cleanse and preserve?
- 5. What professions and areas of interest do you consider the furthermost from being Christian? Are any of them too corrupt for Christians to enter?
- 6. What excuses do Christians often give for not engaging culture and their community as salt and light?
- 7. **Read 2 Corinthians 6:14-18 and Colossians 3:1-3.** Is it possible for a Christian to be successful in a profession without compromising his or her Christian values or giving the wrong impression? Are Christians ever justified in separating themselves from the world?
- 8. **Read Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15; and 1 Corinthians 9:19-23.** How can we lead others to Christ by doing well in our jobs?
- 9. In your opinion, are protests, boycotts, and petitions effective ways to live as salt and light? What has the Church gained through these methods? What has the Church lost?
- 10. As a 1:10 Group, how can you support young people as they prepare for careers so that they are sent out as salt and light?
- 11. What role does discipleship play in us being salt and light? Who are you actively discipling helping to know Jesus more?
- 12. As a 1:10 Group, in what ways are you living on mission in our community? What *could* you do as a group?
- 13. YOUR CHALLENGE: Start making a list of ideas, and commit as a group to going out and serving in our community as salt and light sometime within the next 2 months.

Many of the questions this week came from "Roaring Lambs" by Bob Briner (1993), pg 181-184.

Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them 1:10 Community Groups (the "1:10" comes from Colossians 1:10). The questions here are based on the sermon each week, and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a 1:10 Group, let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin.

PRAYER GUIDE

WEEK OF OCTOBER 19, 2014

During your prayer time this week, let's all be praying together about the following items. Use the space at the bottom to record your personal prayer items, or requests from your 1:10 Group.

> **NOTE:** Due to the sensative nature of some items on the Prayer Guide, we do not publish it online. Email the church office to sign up for the email prayer list: office@wawaseebible.com

Personal Prayer Items

Spiritual Gifts weekend **ARE YOU SIGNED UP YET?**

Saturday, Nov. 1 4PM to 7PM

\$5 includes materials and your meal!



Join us the weekend of Nov. 1-2 for Spiritual Gifts Weekend. Pastor Bob Blank of Faith Church (an EFCA Church in Indy) will be our guest. **Read about Bob and his wife, Jeanne, on the insert in your bulletin this morning. You can also find a registration form in your bulletin.**

Make plans to join us on the 1st, it will be a GREAT weekend!