Series: Upside-Down Kingdom Passage: Matthew 5:13-16 Sunday: April 21, 2024

Matthew 5:13-16 (ESV)

Salt and Light

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Who is someone who has had great influence in your life? What was it about their life that impacted you?

2. What is the connection between the Beatitudes and Jesus' call in verses 13-16?

3. What are real-world applications of salt and light? How do these real-world applications help you understand what Jesus was teaching?





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4.	One of the uses of salt is to preserve or stop decay, and a use for light is to eliminate darkness. Where do you see decay or darkness around you? How can you be salt and light in these places?
5.	What are some ways that we can lose our saltiness and become useless in the kingdom of God?
6.	How do many followers of Jesus hide their light under a basket? What causes us to do this?
7.	How does the light of Christians lead to God's glory?
8.	Which of Jesus' word pictures (salt or light) resonates with you more? Why?



