

October 5, 2025 - Impacting your World Through your Life

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:11-12, Matt. 5:13-16

Getting to Know You:

1. If you could only keep one seasoning for the rest of your life (besides salt), what would it be—and why?
2. Have you ever eaten something you *shouldn't* have (like that questionable pizza)? What happened?

Into the Bible:

Read Matthew 5:13-16

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.*

1. Jesus calls his followers "the salt of the earth" (Matt. 5:13). The sermon highlighted that in the ancient world, salt had three roles—value, preservation, and flavor. Which role resonates most with your current life as a Follower of Jesus?
2. What happens when salt loses its saltiness, according to Jesus? What do you think that looks like in Christian's life?
3. How does being a "preserving agent" in the world help hold back the effects of sin and brokenness in our communities? How is this different from just being a "nice" person?
4. The light is meant to be *seen*. In what ways do Christians sometimes "hide their light" in today's culture?
5. Jesus also says, *"You are the light of the world."* What's the relationship between salt and light in this passage?
6. What does it mean for your good deeds to lead others to glorify God? How does this apply to both personal life and community involvement?
7. What dangers do you see in trying to do good works without being grounded in the gospel? What about preaching the gospel without backing it up with action?

For Extra Study, Read Titus 2:7

7 Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity,

- 8. Paul urges Titus to show “integrity” and “dignity” in his teaching. How do these qualities enhance the flavor of the gospel in everyday life and relationships?*
- 9. Titus was told to lead by example. Who in your life has modeled good works in a way that helped you see God more clearly?*
- 10. How can your life, like Titus', be a “preserving agent” in your workplace, family, or community? What practical good works might point others to a good God this week?*
- 11. What needs to change in your life so that you can live this out?*
- 12. Jot down any insights, questions, or key observations.*

Application:

13. Think about your relationships—are your words and actions preserving peace and truth, or allowing harmful “bacteria” to grow? What needs to change?
14. In what area of your life do you most need to “add flavor” right now—family, work, friendships, or church?
15. How could you creatively use your time, money, or skills to make a gospel impact this month?
16. What's one good deed you can do this week that might lead someone to glorify God—not praise you, but see God more clearly?
17. What does it look like for your small group to be a “city on a hill” in your community?
18. How could your group—or you personally—get involved in meeting a real need through something like Serving in Church, Care Portal or Impact Uganda?
19. Who is one person God is prompting you to encourage, serve, or invite into a spiritual conversation?
20. How can we support and pray for each other this week?