

Salt and Light, The Law Fulfilled Matthew 5:13-20

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Supplemental Scripture

Romans 12:2 John 8:12 Matthew 4:16 Luke 1:79 John 3:19 Psalms 49:7, 127:1 Isaiah 57:12, 64:6
Ezekial 33:12 Daniel 9:18 Romans 3:20-31 Galatians 3:10-12 2 Timothy 1:9 Titus 3:4-5
James 2:10 Galatians 4:4 Romans 8:2-4

Discussion Questions for Personal Life and Community Gathering

1. **Accountability.** Take a few minutes at the beginning or end of group time and discuss how your life has changed this week based on the teachings of Christ. How did you live differently? How have your perceptions changed? How did your reactions change? What did God point out in your life or in what areas did He convict you? Has repentance occurred? If so, in what areas of your life?

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2. **What Jesus Taught.** Read Matthew 5:13-16. What did Jesus teach about salt? About light? About works?

Read Matthew 5:17-20. What does Jesus teach about His relationship to the law? About our responsibility to the law?

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3. **What Jesus Meant.** What are the purposes of salt? What does Jesus mean when He says we are the salt of the earth? What does it look like to lose our saltiness? What are the purposes of light? How are we the light of the world? Where does that light come from? Discuss the foolishness of hiding our lights. How do you do that?

What does Jesus mean when He discusses His relationship to the law in Matthew 5:17-18? What does that mean for us? Discuss verse 20. How does it lead us back to Matthew 5:3?

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4. **Application.** How are you salt in your world? How are you light? How do you lose your flavor? How do you hide your light? What is the danger in this? Relate a city on a hill to Summit Crossing. What are the implications for us corporately? For you individually? How are we daily able to be salt and light?

Why is the law important? How does it relate to you daily? Discuss how Jesus fortifies the importance and necessity of the Old Testament?

Prayer: Pray that we will understand our utter need for Jesus. Pray that in this understanding we will truly depend on Him so that we may be salt and light. Pray that your works may be motivated solely by the chief end of glorifying God so that others may be drawn to Him. Finally, pray that Summit Crossing will be a place that embraces His law and holy scripture and that it would change us and make us a city on a hill that gives light to the whole city.

Next Week: Matthew 5:38-48