

Part #5:  
Salt and Light

Take Home:  
The world will see your life  
before they will hear your  
message

# SHIFT

## Bible Text:

Matthew 5:13-16

## Before You Begin:

Go around the room and ask for prayer requests. As your group is sharing, ask the following question:

What is your favorite food?

## Next Steps:

Help your Group identify and take next steps with Jesus. Pray with them and for them, and ask about their next steps later in the week

- As a follower of Christ, you ARE salt and you ARE light. The question is what kind of salt and light are you? Are you useful to God's kingdom?
- As an owner in God's kingdom, how can you be salt and light in your everyday life?

## Discussion Questions

- 1) **Read Matthew 5:13**
- 2) What do you use salt for? Compare that to how salt was used in the ancient near east. What is something that we have today that has the same value?
- 3) How do you think our lives should compare to uses of salt?
- 4) How do you think Christians are doing? Is our community glad that we are in it?
- 5) Think about the people you know that are not followers of Christ. What picture of Christ are you showing them?
- 6) How can salt lose its saltiness? How can Christians cease to be effective witnesses?
- 7) "Jesus was not concerned about guilt by association, otherwise he wouldn't have left heaven." What are your thoughts on this statement? What about this statement surprises you? Excites you? Scares you?
- 8) **Read Matthew 5:14-15**
- 9) On a scale of 1-10, how bright is the light of Christ in you? What makes you arrive at this?
- 10) How do you, and other Christians, hide the light of Christ in us? Why are we tempted to do that?
- 11) In what ways can we show the light of God to the world we live in?
- 12) **Read Matthew 5:16**
- 13) Does this verse make you uncomfortable? Why? Why are we afraid to let the world see us doing good? What are the dangers of letting the world see us doing good?
- 14) The World will see our lives before they will hear our message— discuss this statement.