

**Sunday Sermon Review:** Week of June 26th, 2022

**Sermon Series:** Summer at LifePoint Church

**Sermon:** Spill the Salt & Shine the Light (Matthew 5:13-16)

**Speaker:** Pastor Jordan Smalley

## **Icebreaker**

- Share a movie or tv show quote that always makes you smile or laugh.

## **Conversation Starters and Sermon Review**

### **1. You are the Salt of the Earth**

- a. Salt acts as a preservative
- b. Salts acts as a healing agent
- c. Salt adds flavor

#### **Practical ways to be salt**

- a. Be quick to extend grace
- b. Be kind
- c. Use your words for good
- d. Be a blessing

- Salt was such a precious and valuable commodity at that time, and Jesus declared us as the salt of the earth. How do you feel knowing that you are so valuable and precious to the Lord? What does that mean to you?
- How are you letting your faith season other peoples' lives? Are you an encouragement to others, or do you bring judgment, guilt, etc.?
- How have you used your faith to help things around you or stop things around you from getting worse?
- Based on your lifestyle, how do you think others describe your "flavor"?
- Where do you see the need for preservation and some God

flavor around you? In your family, workplace, neighborhood, school, or somewhere else? How is God calling you specifically to influence that area for His glory?

- Which of the practical ways to be salt listed above comes easiest for you? What about the hardest? What would help you grow in this area?

## 2. You are the Light of the World

- a. **Light gives guidance**
- b. **Light is attractive**
- c. **Light expels darkness**

- Are you a strobe light, dimmer light, or do you let your light shine all the time? Explain.
- Who or what shines light into the dark areas of your life? Do you have a light in your life that draws you closer to Christ?
- Light does its BEST work in darkness. Share a time where you were able to bring light into a dark situation. If you haven't yet, where do you think you could do this now?
- Has there ever been a time where you felt that you had to hide your light? How did you handle that or are you still hiding it?
- Do you see being the light of the world as a burden/heavy load, or do you see it as a privilege?
- What can you do to make your light of Christ shine a little brighter every day? Better devotional life, more time in the Bible, or something else? How can you practically implement this?

## 3. Let Your GOOD DEEDS Shine!

- What do people see when they are with you? Do you blend in with culture or stand out as a Christ follower? Do people see Jesus?
- Share some examples of how you're serving as salt and light to the people around you. If you're not, why do you think that is?
- Have you ever been deterred by another Christian's actions?

Recall how that made you feel and what that made you think about God. If things are different now, what changed your perspective?

- When was the last time you did something nice for someone without being asked? Why did you do it? What was the motivation?
- What would it look like for you to make being salt and light a lifestyle instead of a one-time event?
- What are some things that you and your small group can do to be salt and light in the community?

## Act On It

**Encourage:** Salt and light are two things that you can find anywhere, and if we're not careful, we'll completely miss the importance of this passage. Salt was extremely valuable and being called "light" was a reserved title, so when Jesus proclaimed that we were salt and light of the world in the Sermon on the Mount, this was HUGE! Jesus was declaring how to live as a Christ follower. This was it, no other way. Pastor Jordan shared the quote, "Christianity is not a spectator sport." As Christians, we don't sit and watch, we're called to a job. We have a part to play, we're the salt and light of the world. When we choose to follow Christ, it's not for us. Our world needs us to step up and help stop injustice, to be with the brokenhearted, to enhance the flavor of our environments with God flavor. Our world needs us to bring guidance to times where people are stumbling in darkness, to stand out and make the Gospel known, and bring hope to dark times. Our lives should make others glorify God. How are you doing with this?

**Ask:** Do you understand just how valuable you are to God? Pastor Jordan shared the question, "How are you doing with being salt and light? If how you lived your life was the only picture of God people saw, what would they say?" What is your influence? Can others see your love of God in your actions? What's keeping you from being salt and light? Think about the

places in your life right now, like your office, your neighborhood/community, your school campus, etc. - How can you be salt and light there?

**Challenge:** Who in your life do you need to extend grace? The next time you feel the urge to say something mean, remind your attitude to be kind. See a need? Be a blessing. Get involved in Serve Day - Saturday, July 16, 2022. Clean up a street, write thank you cards to your local first responders, or take a meal to an elderly neighbor. The possibilities of how to serve others are endless. Take time this week to ask God what your job is in this world and how you can live that out.

## **Prayer Request and Prayer**

Lord, we thank you that out of all of the ways you could bring your salt and light into this world, you chose us. Thank you for placing this trust in us and this calling on our life. Thank you for making us your ambassadors, to represent hope, love, grace, and your goodness to the world. With all that's happening around us, may we be reminded that we don't belong to this world, but You have given us a distinct job in this world. Give us boldness to be the salt and light of the world. Align our hearts to Your purpose. Give us courage, confidence, and a passion to be salt and light to the people around us, so we reveal your glory. Sprinkle us over our workplaces, neighborhoods, schools, our cities and towns so we bring God-flavor to tasteless places. Place us in spots where we can shine Your truth and love into dark places. Every place we walk into, use us to make it better than it was before we entered, not because of our presence, but because of Your presence in our lives. Use us to reach those that need to be reached. We're willing and ready to make a difference. Amen.