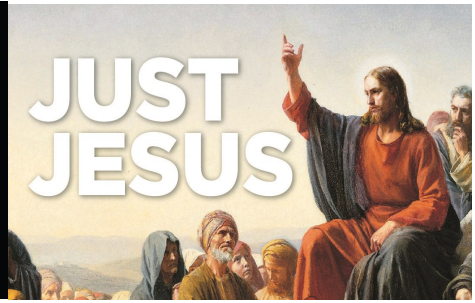




New Life
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JUST
JESUS



Title: Have an Effect!

Passage ~ Taking a Look at the Word of God

Matthew 5:13-16 "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Fill In the Blank

What impact do you have on those you come in contact with? Who has impacted your life outside of your family? What does it take to have an impact on someone?

Be _____ **Matt. 5:13-16** "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot."

There are four properties of salt that Christ desires for us to be in the world:

1 P _____

2 P _____

3 P _____

4 P _____

Jesus declares He is the true _____ of light. John 8:12 "Then Jesus spoke to them again saying "I am the light of the world." **He who follows me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.**"

He turned on the _____ in our hearts. 2 Corinthians 4:6 "For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our **hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ**"

You are my _____ system. Matthew 5:14 "You are the light of the world. ..." **_____, what you are. Matt 5:14-16** "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden."

Maximize your _____. **Matthew 5:15** " Neither do people light a lamp and put it **under a bowl**. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house."

_____ for God's Glory Matthew 5:16 "In the same way, let your light **shine before men, that they may see your good deeds & praise your Father in heaven.**"

The Blitz is our time to be salt and light to our neighbors and community.

Personal Notes and Takeaways

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- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Missional Intent

The Lord calls us to have an impact for Him wherever we are.

Opening Questions	Putting it into Practice
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the main influences in our culture? • What does it take to make an impact on somebody? • What would happen if there were no salt and light in the world? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“What we are influenced by influences our influence.”</i> What is influencing you? Is it the Word of God, friends, culture, or the media? Spend some time this week examining where you might need to change what is influencing you so that you might be a more effective influence for God in this world. • Here are a few practical ways to be salt and light. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Forgive someone who has wronged you. ~ Stand up for someone who is being criticized. ~ Show mercy to people in need. ~ Refuse to engage in gossip. ~ Be kind to those who serve you.
Looking Closer at the Passage	Doing the Stuff
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does Jesus say we are? • What are some functions of salt and light? • What happens if salt loses its saltiness? • How are we to let our light shine? What will happen, according to this passage, if we let our light shine before men? • Are salt and light something that we are already or something that we have to become? • Where do you need to become saltier? How do you maximize your impact in our culture? • Why is it important to do good deeds? • What is the ultimate outcome of all we do? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pick one person in your life to be salt and light to this week. Spend time with them and be open to the Holy Spirit’s leading. • Select an issue from our culture you sense the Lord is asking you to be proactive about. Then do something: pray, research it, write a letter and/or a check, get involved. Become the answer to your prayer! • Look for a way to glorify God through an act of kindness this week.
Pray ~ Praying through the Scripture	
<p><i>Lord, Your declaration that I am salt and light is a challenge. Help me to be the catalyst of change in our culture and someone's life. As light, help me to shine bright for Your glory. Please empower me to be Your delivery system of grace.</i></p>	
Family Discussion Guide ~ Digging deeper	
<p>Day 1 Read Proverbs 4:18-19 What are some differences between the path of the righteous and the path of the wicked? Which is better—to walk in the light or to stumble around in the darkness? How has your walk with God continued to grow and shine brighter? Whose path can you shine the light of Christ on this week?</p> <p>Day 2 Read Colossians 4:5-6 What instructions are given here? What should our conversations be like? Where in your life do you need to season your speech with grace and salt? Pray that God would give you wisdom, knowledge, understanding, and love to truly make the most of every opportunity for His Kingdom.</p> <p>Day 3 Read Luke 11:33-36 What do people do with lamps? What part of the body does Luke compare a lamp to? What role do your eyes play in whether or not your body is full of light or darkness? What are some practical things you can do to protect your eyes (and therefore your body) from spiritual darkness? Praise God that He is the light and desires us to shine forth His radiance.</p> <p>Day 4 Read Ephesians 5:8-14 What were we once? What are we now? How should we live? What is the fruit of the light? What are we to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness? Pray that God would give you the strength and grace to live as His children of light right where you are.</p> <p>Day 5 Read John 8:12 and Matthew 5:14 Who is the light of the world? How is Jesus our source of light? How can we reflect His light to the world? Spend time with Jesus this week growing in your connection to and reflection of the True Light of life.</p>	
Memory Verse	
<p>Matthew 5:13-16 “You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world...”</p>	