SERMON ON THE MOUNT ELEVATE YOUR VALUES

Live Who You Are Matthew 5:13-16

1. As we live out our faith together, we bring _____

to people and _____ to God.

2. As salt, we are the hope for a _____ world.

3. As light, we are the hope for a ______ world.

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MY APPLICATION

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- 1. Do you ever wonder if your life is valuable to God and others? If you have these thoughts, when do they come to you and what are they like? If you do not have these thoughts, what are some of the ways you feel you are adding value for God and others?
- 2. Why did Jesus call his disciples "salt of the earth" and "light of the world?" How does our relationship with Jesus make us "salty" and "luminous" to the people around us? Where do you see these identities played out in your life currently?
- 3. Jesus said that both salt and light can become ineffective. What makes them ineffective? See Matthew 5:13-15. Can you see any beliefs or behaviors in your life that more reflect the culture than Christ, and may be limiting your ability to impact those around you?
- 4. When Jesus says "you are salt...light," he uses the plural pronoun meaning "all of us." We all contribute to a collective impact. If every disciple of Jesus lived just like you, how much impact do you feel we would be making? What can you do to increase your contribution to the mission of Jesus?

Memory Verse

"In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:16