

Salt & Light

Missions Emphasis 2020

Part 1
Matthew 5:13-16
September 20, 2020

If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?
- Psalm 11:1-3

I. WE CAN RETREAT AND HIDE

- God has not called us to run for the hills.
- We are called to go into the world and make disciples (Matthew 28:16-20).

II. WE CAN RETALIATE AGAINST OUR ENEMIES

- We do not wage war the way the world does (Ephesians 6:10-20).
- We must pray for our enemies (Matthew 5:44).
- This does not mean we do not fight, but we fight differently than the world does.

III. WE CAN RELINQUISH OUR CALLING

- We have been called out of darkness to proclaim His excellency (1 Peter 2:9-12).
- If we cease to remain distinctive we are good for nothing and must be discarded (Matthew 5:13).

IV. WE CAN REMEMBER WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE ARE CALLED TO DO

- The church must act as a preservative in a rotting culture.
- The church must act as a light in a dark world.
- We cannot court friendship with the world (James 4:4).
- Are we bold enough to engage?
- We will be hated (John 15:18-19).

CONCLUSION:

1. Jesus overcomes the world... He wins! (John 16:34)
2. The gates of hell cannot hold back the Gospel! (Matthew 16:18)

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please Read Matthew 5:13-16.

1. What are some areas where the church has been too silent and accommodating in our culture?
2. Why is the gospel so offensive to our culture?
3. How can the church retain its distinctiveness in this culture?
4. What do you fear most in living out your faith in this culture?
5. How can we better prepare ourselves for meaningful and serious cultural engagement?
6. What was a practical takeaway from the sermon?