

Matthew 5:13-16(NLT)

13 “You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless.

14 “You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. 15 No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

8) What does Jesus compare the people of God to?

A quick side note I'd like to address. I have many people say over the years “I evangelize by the way I live my life. I don't need to say anything about it.” Ok, this is true and it's not. On the one hand our lives should reflect what God is doing in our lives. But how will people know what we believe unless we talk about it. Words without actions are detrimental but so is action without words.

9) Is there a story we have been telling ourselves about sharing our faith?

10) Who is God wanting you to connect with to help them take one step closer to Jesus?

## CHAIR TIME TOOLS

Read Matthew 5 and pray though the following questions.

- 1) What does this chapter teach you about the kingdom of God?
- 2) Summarize the Gospel in your own words so you could explain it to someone and pray for an opportunity.
- 3) Who does God want you to partner with Him in making them a disciple?

## Come and You Will See

*Mission Drift*

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*“But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?’”*

*“And he said, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ And he said, ‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.’ “...Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.’ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; and taking food, he was strengthened. For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, ‘He is the Son of God.’ And all who heard him were amazed and said, ‘Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?’ But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.”*

**Acts 9:1 – 22 ESV**

**Saul the persecutor becomes Paul, the proof of life for Jesus the Christ.**

**In verse 6, he was told what to do and he spends the rest of his life chasing that mission. *Jesus is the Christ.***

**Thread:** We will see ourselves sharing the hope we have with others.

**Jesus says to you...Look at WHO you're becoming as you walk with me.**

“You are the salt of the earth...You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

**Matthew 5:13 – 16 ESV**

## Some of us have a problem: Perspective.

1. It's the angle from where we view something.
2. A story we tell ourselves about the lives we are leading.

## God's Word continues to challenge our perspective about HERE and THERE.

- *"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."*  
**Matthew 28:18 – 20 ESV**
- YOU COULD BE DOING so many things.

## You and I become proof of life for Jesus.

## Perspective—the story you tell yourself just might be a giant you have to slay.

*"And when Jesus heard this, he told them, 'Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners.'" Mark 2:17 NLT*

## Challenge:

- Do you need to change the story you're telling yourself to: "I am someone who can share the hope that is within me?"
- I will live on mission.
- Who do you know that is broken? Ask God for an opportunity to share your hope with them.

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# Life Group Homework

*Come and See*

**Spring 2024 | Week 7**

Message Date 5/12/2024

## MY STORY



- 1) What book of the Bible do you like the most? Why? What book do you like the least and why?
- 2) Would you rather climb to the top of a mountain or to the bottom of a cave?

## QUICK REVIEW



- 3) What caught your attention from Sunday's message?

## DIGGING DEEPER / TAKING IT HOME



Matthew 28:18-20 (NLT)

18 Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. 19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

- 4) From this passage what had been given to Jesus and why is this a big deal with what He says to do next?
- 5) This past Sunday Pastor Craig shared the idea that our history tells us how we got to the place we are at but leaders tell us where we are going. In this passage where is Jesus telling us to go (or to do)?
- 6) What is a disciple and what does it mean to make disciples? Who is He telling to do this?
- 7) If evangelism is verbally sharing our faith with another person, what could this look like and how is that connected to making disciples?