



S3 SUMMER ENCORE

Sharing God's Light

Read About It

Jesus says in **Matthew 5:13-16**,

"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. **You are the light of the world.** A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven." (NASB)

Talk About It

As Christians, we hear this phrase a lot, "Let your light shine" or "Go be the salt and light at your school" It's kind of one of those things we just nod, agree with, and go on about our business. The Scripture above came from the lips of Jesus himself- let's give it some honest consideration at this time and see how you can apply it to your daily lives.

1. What does the purpose of "salt" mean to you?
 - a. What are the effects of not enough salt? Too much salt?
 - b. What should a "salty" Christian look/act like day to day?
 - c. How do we lose our "saltiness?" Give examples of things that make you "tasteless" or "no longer good" (v. 13)
 - d. How do we remain "salty?"
2. What does your "light" provide?
 - a. Where is your "light" needed?
 - b. Think of your daily life: WHERE do you sense God wants you to bring light?
3. How do we HIDE the light of Christ within us?
 - a. Where is it hardest for you to let your light shine?
 - b. Share examples of why.
4. Why does Jesus want us to let our light shine before men?
5. Be specific in discussing ways our good works glorify our Father in heaven.



Learn

These verses may challenge you a little in thinking about your good works...

Read John 9: 1-7

“As He went along, He saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked Him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind? ³ “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴ As long as it is day, we must do the works of Him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶ After saying this, He spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. ⁷ “Go,” He told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means “Sent”). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.”

1. Someone recap the story in your own words
2. What is the “work of God” Jesus is referring to here?
3. How does this challenge you?
4. What “works” might the Lord be sending you to do?

Live

In case you haven’t noticed, we live in a world that is in direct conflict with the Truth of God’s Word. Darkness is all around us. Jesus commands us:

“Go and make disciples.” (Matt 28:19)

“Let your light shine” (Matt 5:16)

And Ephesians 5:1-2 says to be “imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.” (ESV)

1. How will our generation “Share God’s Light?”
2. What do these words from the Lord require of us?

Lead

“Stand firm, Don’t let anything move you. Always give yourselves completely to the work of the Lord.” 1 Corinthians 15:58 (NIRV 1987)