

Centered in Jesus

Following Jesus in All of Life

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Matthew 5:13-16

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Introduction:

This year we have been asking. "What does it mean to live my life with Christ at the center?" We are looking at the Gospels to see how many faithful men and women centered their lives on Jesus. As we consider their lives, we can take a look at our own lives to pose the questions "On what is my life centered?" and "Where does Jesus fit in my life?".

Review: Remember that Jesus completes all scripture; the Living Word interprets the Written Word.

Read: Matthew 5:13-16

Prayer: Father, thank you for this text, being salt and light to a weary world. Amen.

Discussion:

1. What is the warning Jesus provides about salt?
2. Describe what being salt to the earth (world) means in your life.
3. Describe what being light to the world means in your life. How is it different than being salt? Is the example of a lamp being on a stand encouraging? Explain.
4. How do salt and light relate to Jesus's mission?
5. Who receives the praise for your good deeds? Is this result important?

Application: This week remember that both salt and light are important in ministry.

Prayer: Father, we are grateful for the descriptive characteristics in this text of mission, both for Jesus and ourselves. Amen