

MESSAGE NOTES

Summer on the Mount

SALT & LIGHT

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“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” (Matthew 5:3-12, NIV)

Regardless of your present condition, if you’ve accepted Jesus, **YOU ARE BLESSED.**

“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:13-16, NIV)

HOW CAN WE BE SALT & LIGHT IN THIS WORLD?

We must...

1. ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE ARE SALT AND LIGHT.

“You are the salt of the earth.... You are the light of the world.” (Matthew 5:13-14, NIV)

“Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt...” (Colossians 4:6, NIV)

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8, NIV)

2. BE DISTINCTIVE AND REJECT CONFORMITY.

“But if the salt loses its salty taste, it cannot be made salty again. It is good for nothing, except to be thrown out and walked on.” (Matthew 5:13, NCV)

“As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: ‘Be holy, because I am holy.’”

(1 Peter 1:14-16, NIV)

3. BE ENGAGED AND RESIST OBSCURITY.

*“You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. 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.”
(Matthew 5:14-15, NLT)*

“Let your light shine for all to see. For the glory of the Lord rises to shine on you. Darkness as black as night covers all the nations of the earth, but the glory of the Lord rises and appears over you. All nations will come to your light; mighty kings will come to see your radiance.” (Isaiah 60:1-3, NIV)

“My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one... As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.” (John 17:15,18, NIV)

4. LIVE LIVES THAT BRING GLORY TO GOD.

“In the same way, you should be a light for other people. Live so that they will see the good things you do and will praise your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16, NCV)

“Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.” (1 Peter 2:12, NIV)

ACTION STEP:

IDENTIFY 3 PRACTICAL WAYS you will be display the goodness of God this week.