

Sermon Discussion (10/26/2025)

The world is growing darker, and our world is starving for a positive influence. People are searching for direction in a time of cultural confusion. People are craving hope amid hardship and looking for something real and authentic in a world that too often values appearance over truth. Jesus is calling us to be that kind of difference.

Title: Salt and light: what kind of a difference are we making?

The Main Question: What does it really mean to be the salt and the light?

Points to Consider

1. We are called to stay salty.
2. We are called to shine steadily and stay lit.
3. We are called to show the Savior.

Scripture References:

Matthew 5:13–16 NKJV

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. ¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Application Questions

- Consider your walk with the Lord. How does your life point to God?

Love God / Invitation / Relationship

We experience the love of God when we invite Him into our lives.

- Read [Matthew 5:13-16](#).
- Jesus is giving us an opportunity to share his love to those that are around us. Describe what sharing the Love of God looks like.
- Is it difficult to stand out for Jesus?
- How have you actively chosen to be the salt and light for The Kingdom of God?

Find Freedom / Learning / Clarity

Freedom is found when we learn a new way to think.

- Read [2 Timothy 4:2](#).
- We as Christians are all called to think and act differently. **Every believer** is a representative of the kingdom! We all have a **duty** to the world around us to share the **Freedom** Christ has given us. Why is this difficult at times?
- Who is free and who is in bondage?

See God / Prayer / Affirmation

It is much easier for us to “see” God when we are communicating with God.
Prayer is how we communicate with God.

- What is blinding the people from being able to see God?
- Are we as believers seeing God work in our life?
- Why can some people see God's vision for them more clearly than others?

Experience Healing / Serve Others / Opportunities

The brokenness in our hearts begins to heal as we serve other people.

- Our acts of kindness, integrity, forgiveness, and compassion are not about making *us* look good.
- They are like **windows into heaven**, letting people glimpse the character and heart of God.
- Are your good works pointing people to Jesus—or pointing back to you?

Discover Joy / Gratitude / Community

The more grateful we are the more joy we feel.

- Are there things in our life that don't always go our way?
- How grateful are we that Jesus has given us his light to shine in this dark world?
- Do we choose to live a life of thankfulness even in tough times?
- Who will this benefit?