

Growth Group ‘Go Deeper’ Questions

1. What part of the worship service did you enjoy and why?
2. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught that Christians are to be Salt and Light. In your own words, what do you think Jesus meant by these two metaphors—Salt & Light?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 4:6. God gives believers His light and it brings knowledge and revelation for a specific purpose—to let our light shine! How does this verse compliment and harmonize with Jesus’s teaching in Matthew 5:14-16?
4. Jesus says that light is meant to be placed on a stand so it can give light to the entire house (Matthew 5:15-16). In the sermon, Pastor Brant looked at the two ways we can have clear communication of the Gospel. Which one of the two are you better at and which one do you need help with?
5. Pastor Brant challenged us with the idea that we can no longer just hope that people understand our “saltiness” as Christ followers, but we must be clear in our words to communicate the Gospel. Read Romans 10:14, how does this verse personally challenge?

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Part 3: “Light”

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“And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”
— Matthew 28:18-20 (NKJV)

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” — Acts 1:8 (NKJV)

“All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 20 We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. 21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”
— 2 Corinthians 5:18-21 (NIV)

"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."

14 *"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 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. 16 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)

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+ Clear _____

The 2 Ways to Communicate the Gospel

1. Clear _____

"For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ." — 2 Corinthians 4:6 (NIV)

"But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord." — 2 Corinthians 3:18 (NKJV)

2. Clear _____

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— Matthew 5:14-15 (NIV)

"Conduct yourself with wisdom in your interactions with outsiders (non-believers), make the most of each opportunity [treating it as something precious]. 6 Let your speech at all times be gracious and pleasant, seasoned with salt, so that you will know how to answer each one [who questions you]."
— Colossians 4:5-6 (AMP)

"But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?"
— Romans 10:14 (NLT)

"My heart is overflowing with a good theme; I recite my composition concerning the King; My tongue is the pen of a ready writer."
— Psalm 45:1 (NKJV)