



Ice Breaker

Daylight savings time is controversial these days. Are you for or against it (or indifferent)? Why or why not?

Sermon Outline

If you say you follow Jesus but don't live like you follow Jesus, you are like tasteless salt and light that doesn't shine.

1. Be salt – Influence the world (vs. 13)
2. Be light – Shine for God (vs. 14-15)
3. Do good – For people to glorify God. (vs. 16)

Application

1. Salt acts as a preservative and also enhances flavor. Jesus' followers should be like this in the world—a positive moral influence that works against worldly decay. Here are four specific ways we can influence the world as salt:

- 1) preserve truth
 - 2) speak words of grace
 - 3) create spiritual thirst
 - 4) fight against decay
- How did Jesus do these? How can the church do them in the present day?

2. Just as Jesus' followers are salt (they don't just get it from somewhere else), they are light. And light is meant to be seen.

- What do you think Jesus qualified this statement about "being light" by saying that no one hides a lamp after it is lit?
- Is the light metaphor meant to describe something different than the salt metaphor, or is it just another way to say the same thing?
- What does "being light" look like for the church? For you personally?

3. Ephesians 2:8 reminds us that we are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, and not by works. Yet, Jesus implies in Matt. 5:16 that good works are expected of his followers.

- Why are good works important for Jesus' followers?
- Can you share any examples of good works you've seen done at CityLine?
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Prayer

Spend some time in prayer for the church to grow as salt and light in our community, and for your own growth and next steps in the process.