

“BEING SALT AND LIGHT IN LIFE”

Intentional Outreach #3

January 31, 2021

Matthew 5:13-16

Timeless Truths:

- 1. Outreach to non-Christians is the call of every Christian.** *You are...*
- 2. You are salt of the earth and light of the world.** *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*

- **The Image of Salt:**

- **The Image of Light:**

- 3. The obstacles to being salt and light:**

- 4. Therefore...**

- **Invite your unchurched friends to church.**
- **Share your story of how God has changed your life.**
- **Share God’s story.**
- **Be willing to embrace change.**

THE JOURNEY DEVOTIONAL
January 31st, 2021 Week
Discussion Questions from the Sermon

1. What was something you read in the weekly Scripture readings or heard in the sermon that made an impact on you? Explain.
2. What images or words come to mind when you hear the phrase, “Intentional Outreach?” How about when you hear the phrase, “Organic Outreach?”
3. Read Matthew 5:13-16. Which of the two images, “salt” or “light” particularly speaks to you? Explain. What are practical ways for you to be salt? To be light?
4. Read Matthew 9:35-38. How does Jesus see the crowds? What does he say we should be doing? How is the perspective of Jesus similar or dissimilar to your view of the crowds? What is God saying to you through this?
5. In the sermon we talked about barriers to outreach. What would you add to the list? Which of these barriers are keeping you from intentional outreach?
6. In the sermon we talked about ways to apply this teaching and passage. Which of these particularly spoke to your heart? Why?
7. How will you respond to this sermon and/or the Scripture passages?

Weekly Bible Memory Verse: *In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.* Matthew 5:16

Bible Readings: Reading these passages of Scripture will help you become like Jesus in how you think and what you do, in addition to preparing you for next week’s sermon. Remember to read these passages slowly, allowing the Lord to speak to your heart and mind:

Monday – Matthew 9:35-38

Tuesday – John 3:16-36

Wednesday – John 6:25-51

Thursday – Acts 4:8-22

Friday – Acts 7:1-53

Saturday – Acts 17:16-34

Sunday – Acts 28:17-31