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*People of Influence*  
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## Matthew 5:13 - 16

In order to be people of influence, we must..

**Know who we are.**

Gal 2:20

**Remove the obstacles.**

2 Cor 7:1    Heb 12:14-15    1 Peter 2:12

**We need to stand.**

Prov 23:23    Ps 89:14    Luke 1:17

**Do something.**

Eph 5:7-8    Matt 5:16

If someone asked you, “What do Christians do besides go to church on Sundays?” how would you answer?

What comes to mind when you think of salt? What is it useful for? What would have been the value of salt in the time of Jesus? How does that translate into the value of a Christian in today’s culture?

Read Matthew 5:16.

The word GOOD is a Greek word *kalos* which means beautiful. What does that say about how we are to be salt to the culture in which we live?

In what ways can we be salt to others?

What does the following statement mean to you? “You are the light of the world. A city on a hill....”

Share a time when light was very important to you and share how that might translate into Christians as lights to a dark world.

Jesus was pretty straight forward about his followers and their mission in the world. This is a difficult task. How does it make you feel that Jesus is putting that pressure on you? What helps you overcome insecurities and difficulties in this mission?

What do you expect of a salt shaker sitting on a table? What do you expect of a light switch on the wall? You expect them to be used. You expect them to do something.

Read Matthew 25:31 - 46

How does this passage tie in to sharing salt and light?

What are the eternal ramifications of keeping wraps on our salt and light?

Read Luke 10:30 - 37

In what way does the Samaritan offer salt and light?

What did it cost the Samaritan to offer his assistance?

What does it cost us at times to be salt and light?

How would you answer someone who thought it too difficult to be a light because of past difficulties or present challenges.

Is it important for the church and believers to be light? What would happen if the light went out?

Brainstorm some “darknesses” that pervade our world. How can we specifically be light in those situations and to our families, neighbors, and communities this week.