

Matthew 5:13-16

- I. You are witnesses! (11-12)
  
- II. What it means to be “salt of the earth”
  - A. Old Testament background (see Genesis 19; Numbers 18:19; Ezra 4:14; Exodus 30:35; Ezekiel 43:24; 2 Chronicles 13:5)
  - B. Your witness to Christ preserves
  - C. Your presence in the world connects the world to God (Romans 10:12-15)
  - D. Your being here makes everything better
  
- III. What it means to be “light of the world”
  - A. Old Testament background (Isaiah 42:6-7; 49:6; John 8:12; 9:15)
  - B. Your witness sheds light on the evil in the world (Ephesians 4:11-14)
  - C. Your witness helps people see their own sin and need of God's grace and forgiveness (1 Peter 2:12)
  - D. Your witness show people where they can go for help with their most serious needs (Acts 2:37-39)
  
- IV. This is a warning ...
  - A. It is urgent to faithfully identify ourselves and live lives that glorify God
  - B. Objections (Romans 1:20; Galatians 6:10)
  
- V. Pray, Plan, Pray (Colossians 4:2-6; Luke 21:14-15; Matthew 10:19; John 4:35-38)