

We Are the Church - Salt & Light
November 17, 2024

As you join this discussion, let the Holy Spirit guide you. Share your thoughts and reflect on the message. Work through the guide by reading Scripture and answering a few questions.

Open Up Together:

- "If you could be any flavor of salt or any type of light (like a disco ball, lighthouse, or candle), what would you be and why?"

Read Together:

Acts 1:8

Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

*He said to them: "**It is not for you to know the times or dates** the Father has set by his own authority. But **you will receive power** when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and **you will be my witnesses** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

Romans 12:2

***Do not conform to the pattern of this world**, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...*

Matthew 5:14-16

*"**You are the light of the world**. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 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. In the same way, **let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.**"*

Revelation 21:23-24

The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it.

Discuss Together:

- Why do we *not need* to know the time or dates?
- Can you share a time when someone showed you kindness or love in an ordinary way that made a significant impact?
- Is there a choice whether we will be a witness or not?
- How well did the 12 apostles do in their day as witnesses? How are we doing today to fulfill this command?
- What does it look like to embody a “counter-culture” as a follower of Jesus? Can you share specific examples from your life or church?
- Choose one FCC value (***All About Jesus, Gospel-Centered, Love Always, Cultivators not Consumers, Outrageous Generosity, Building Bridges, Relational Ministry, Unity, and Diversity, Bring our Best.***). How have you seen this value in the church or your life? How can you practice it more intentionally?
- How do we balance preserving what is good in culture while resisting its harmful influences? What challenges or opportunities do you see in this?
- What does “*Living the grace and purpose of Jesus together.*” Look like?

Pray Together:

Ask God to show you specific ways to be salt and light this week—in your home, workplace, or community. Pray for the Holy Spirit’s power to preserve what is good, shine light in dark places, and live out small, everyday acts of love and faithfulness that reflect Jesus to others.