

# SALT & LIGHT

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**Part 1: Live Who You Are**  
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**WEEK 1 VIDEO LINK: [tfh.org/SaltAndLight1](https://tfh.org/SaltAndLight1)**

**USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE**

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your small group's goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so knock yourself out with the discussion questions but spend more time laughing than answering the questions.

**[Matthew 5:13-16]**

*“Let me tell you why you are here. You’re here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You’ve lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage.*

*“Here’s another way to put it: You’re here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We’re going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don’t think I’m going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I’m*

*putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.*

**[Matthew 24:6-8]**

*“...And you will hear of wars and threats of wars, but don't panic. Yes, these things must take place, but the end won't follow immediately. Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in many parts of the world. But all this is only the first of the birth pains, with more to come.*

**[Matthew 24:10,12]**

*Many will turn away from me and betray and hate each other. And many false prophets will appear and will deceive many people. Sin will be rampant everywhere, and the love of many will grow cold....”*

**[2 Timothy 3:1-5]**

*But mark this: in the last days there will be very difficult times. For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly.*

## [2 Peter 3]

*Most importantly, I want to remind you that in the last days scoffers will come, mocking the truth and following their own desires. They will say, "What happened to the promise that Jesus is coming again? ...everything has remained the same since the world was first created."*

*But you must not forget this one thing, dear friends: A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent. But the day of the Lord will come as unexpectedly as a thief. Then the heavens will pass away with a terrible noise, and the very elements themselves will disappear in fire, and the earth and everything on it will be found to deserve judgment.*

*Since everything will be destroyed in this way, **what kind of people ought you to be?***

**Culture:** The shared and transmitted values, opinions and behaviors of a people group.

**Culture:** the collective mindset and influences that distinguish the members of a people group, shaping the way they think and live

***"In some cultures, people love their neighbors... In other cultures, they eat them."***

**Ravi Zacharias**

***"if you really want to know what water is like and how it's changing, don't ask the fish!"***

**Ancient Chinese proverb**

## HOW TO LIVE WELL IN A BROKEN WORLD:

### 1. Know where you stand and stand there.

- A. Establish your identity in Christ
- B. Live in and according to His word
- C. Get planted and identified with HIS CHURCH!

### 2. LIVE AND LOVE OUT LOUD.

[Colossians 4:6]

*Let your conversation be always **full of grace, seasoned with salt**, so that you may know how to answer everyone.*

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*Get in the conversation.*

1. On a scale of 1 to 10, how much would you say you are influencing culture versus culture is influencing you? (10 being you are the stronger influencer)
2. What ways, as you live your faith, are you influencing the world around you?
3. Are you intimidated? Why?

*Take it a step further.*

4. What properties of salt can we apply to our lifestyle? How does that challenge you, and in what ways can you “step it up in your saltiness”?
5. Where does culture permeate around you daily? (at school, in your work environment, from your peer group or family, etc.) What can you do *this week* to balance the line of beauty and brokenness?
6. What conversation do you think is coming or is starting to rise that we will need to take a stance on? (i.e. LGBTQ—sexual identity, natural disasters and end times, politics) How prepared are you to be salt and light?

*Take home.*

7. Pray for one another to be strong in our identity in Jesus and for fresh anointing to influence and set atmospheres.